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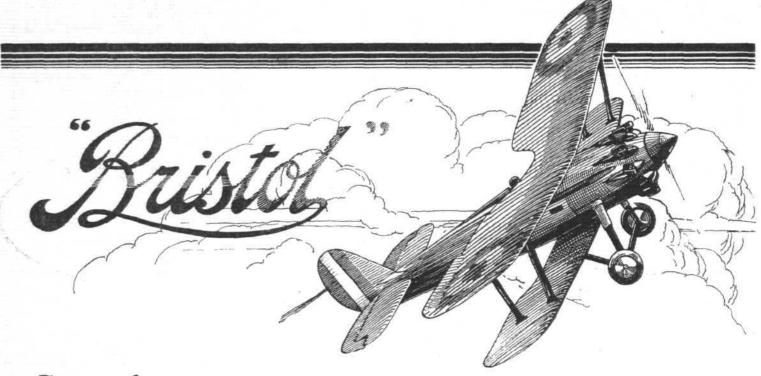
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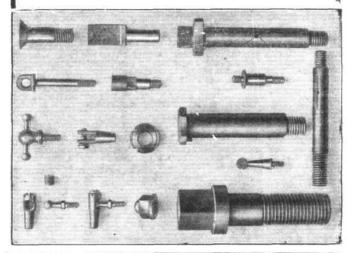
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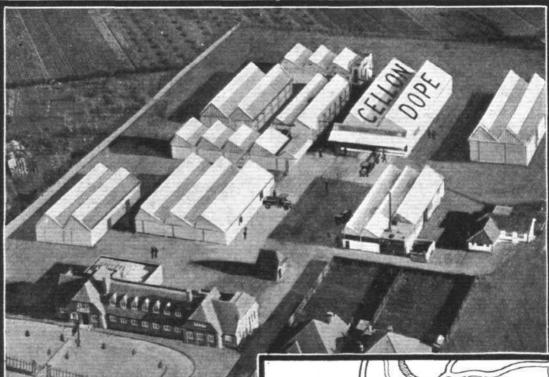


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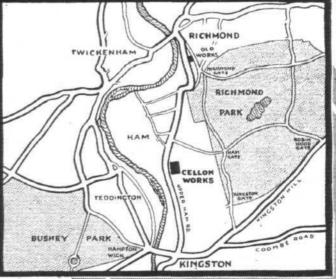
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Feb.	28	by R. A. Frazer, before R. Ae. S. and Inst. Ae. E
Mar.	7	Lecture, "Airscrew Body Interference," by C. N. H. Lock, before R. Ae.S. and Inst. Ae.E.
Mar.	14	Wing-Commdr. C. B. Hynes, before R.Ae.S. and Inst.Ae.E.
Mar.	18	Lecture, "The Helicogyre," by V. Isacco, before R.Ae.S. and Inst.Ae.E.
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## EDITORIAL COMMENT



N discussing the subject of Empire air routes, one is somewhat apt to think in terms of the "Great Trunk Lines" only, and to overlook the important part which "feeder lines" must necessarily play in establishing the Empire "Air Net" of the future.

It was, therefore, a very useful reminder which was brought up at the annual general meeting of the Empire Press Union a couple

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of days ago, when attention was called to the position, among other parts of the Empire, of Ceylon and the West Indies.

Major Nicholson and Mr. Shaw, both representing Ceylon newspapers, pointed out that Ceylon, an island with a population of five millions, ought to be entitled to consideration in Empire air route schemes. Unfortunately, the plans for an air service to Australia neglected Ceylon. The reasons for this are, of course, fairly obvious: the direct air route to Australia, when it becomes possible to operate the Karachi-Singapore section, will lie across India to Calcutta, and thence down the coast to Rangoon and Singapore. What may be termed the "Southern Route" would scarcely be practicable, since machines would have to follow the coast down from Karachi to Bombay and Colombo, and then go upwards again along the east coast to Calcutta, the distance across the Bay of Bengal being too great to be undertaken with a flying-boat service, even making use of the Andaman Islands as a place of call on the way to Rangoon. The distance from Colombo to Rangoon is about 1,200 miles, and from Colombo to the Andaman Islands is approximately two-thirds of this distance. The distance from Colombo to Calcutta is about the same, so that the



direct route to Australia would be lengthened very considerably by being laid via Colombo.

In time it may become feasible to operate services across, either to Rangoon or to Penang via the Nicobar Islands or the northern point of Sumatra, but at present this is scarcely feasible, and in any case such a service must be auxiliary to one across India and not a substitute for it.

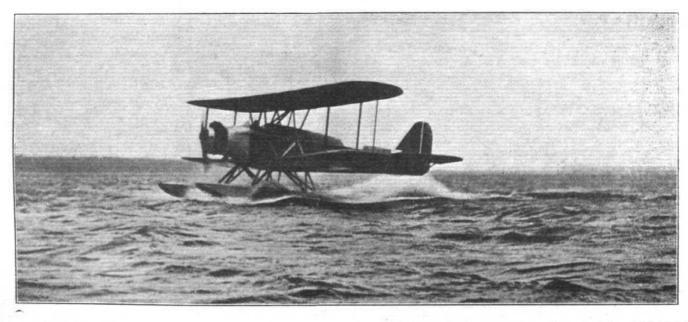
While one has every sympathy with the claims of Ceylon, and recognises the value which an air line between Colombo and Bombay would have, it does appear that the Colombo line must be in the nature of feeder line," and as such a matter for the Indian and Ceylon governments to deal with. As a temporary measure, until such time as the Karachi-Singapore service can be started, there might be something to be said for operating a service terminating at Colombo, there linking up with steamers to the east, but presumably it is hoped to start this second stage in the fairly near future, and therefore not considered to be worth while to establish a temporary Bombay-Colombo service which would have to be reorganised when the Karachi-Calcutta-Singapore route is opened.

Sir Harry Brittain again advanced the claims of the West Indies, and pointed out that unless the British Government took action, America would, in all probability, establish air services there. He also expressed the belief that a route in the West Indies would be a paying proposition. Again, the position is a somewhat difficult one. The West Indies are rather a long way from home, and they are more or less on the direct route between North and South America, and as such, natural ports of call for any air service that may operate between those two great continents. They are, however, not within air reach of England, at least unless and until an airship service can be established, and thus the Mother country cannot, perhaps, be expected to do very much at present. Our main trunk lines must, of necessity, be our first consideration, and we are already sufficiently backward with these. We do feel that it might be rather unwise to scatter our energies too widely at first, although, in order to get ourselves established, it might be policy to grant

a small subsidy towards the operation of a West Indian service, if the bulk of the capital could be found locally.

Aircraft During the last few weeks, the aeroto the plane has come into its own as a Rescue vehicle of rescue under difficult and peculiar circumstances. In Afghanistan, Vickers' and "H.P." biplanes have done excellent work in evacuating large numbers of people, British and other nationalities, from Kabul, and in so doing have accomplished what would have been impossible by any other means. The effects of these rescues cannot well be assessed, but that they are great and manifold will scarcely be denied. Politically, the aid which the Royal Air Force has extended to the subjects of many nationalities cannot but have done a great deal towards a feeling of friendship and goodwill towards not only the R.A.F. itself, but the British nation. Expressions of thanks have been received. for example, from our late enemies, the Germans, for the rescue of German subjects. Men, women and children have been taken out of Kabul and transported to places of safety, and it may be taken for granted that they will, in the future, be firm believers in the utility of air transport. True, this has been a somewhat expensive method of spreading "air-mindedness," but we do not doubt that it has been effective, if not efficient.

In the Baltic, aeroplanes have done splendid work during the recent frosty weather by searching for and reporting vessels stuck in the ice and unable to proceed. In the Scandinavian countries, aeroplanes have been, and are still being used, not only as mail carriers but for transporting food to islands cut off by the ice and out of reach by any means other than flying. The noise of the aero engine, which, under other circumstances may occasionally become a little irritating, has doubtless sounded like music to a good many isolated families in distress, and so, one way and another, the aeroplane has recently had an opportunity to show that it is not, as some people would have one believe, merely another form of "frightfulness" of no practical use in our everyday lives.



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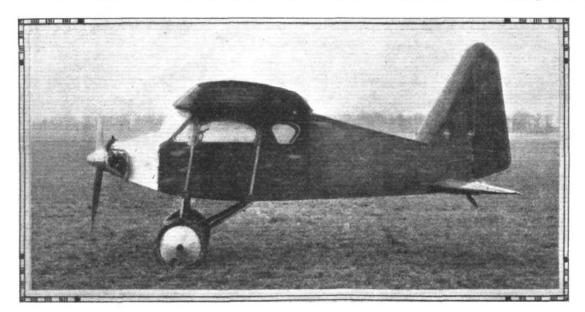
## THE MAUBOUSSIN P.M.4

## A French Single-Seater Light Monoplane with A.B.C. "Scorpion" Engine

The "Motor Cycle of the Air" has not yet materialised in this country, although Flight has good cause to know that the type is keenly awaited by a large number of enthusiasts who, having learnt to fly, are not able to afford the present-day type of two-seater, but who would welcome a cheaper machine, even if this should mean flying solo. We are aware that several machines of the single-seater low-power type are coming along, but so far none is available. Without wishing to suggest that we should copy foreign designers,

partly for last year's international light 'plane competition at Orly, and partly to test certain theories of the designer's, who has in contemplation a larger machine of which this may be regarded in some way as a large flying model. P.M. 4 was not, however, finished in time to take part in the Orly meeting, but it has now been completed and is undergoing tests by the French Section Technique.

The P.M.4 is a high-wing monoplane, with the pilot enclosed in a small cabin provided with windscreen and side



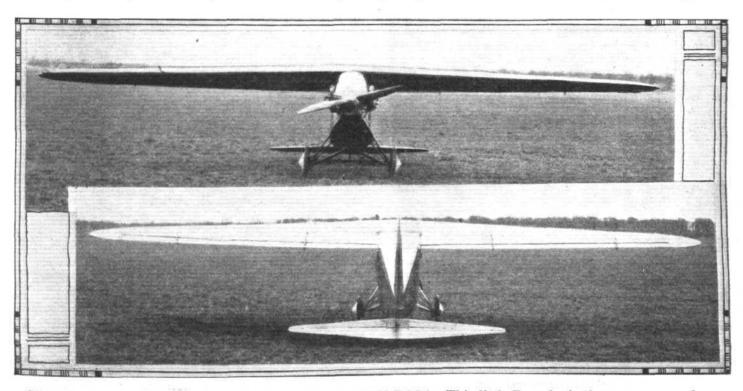
The Mauboussin P.M.4 Monoplane: Side View. Note the very short fuselage.

we think it is of interest to note what other countries are doing, and consequently we are publishing this week general

arrangement drawings, photographs and descriptive notes dealing with a machine produced in France, and fitted with a British engine, the A.B.C. "Scorpion."

The "P.M. 4" monoplane, which forms the subject of these notes, was designed by M. Pierre Mauboussin and built by M. Louis Peyret, whose tandem monoplane glider won the Daily Mail glider competition at Itford some years ago, piloted by M. Maneyrol. Actually, the P.M. 4 was designed

To British eyes the most unusual feature of the windows. design is the extremely short fuselage. The distance from the trailing edge of the wing to the leading edge of the tail plane is less than one chord length (i.e., of maximum chord), and one would expect such a short machine to be rather "tricky" on the controls. The wing section employed is seen to have a reverse curvature, and the travel of the centre of pressure may therefore be assumed to be restricted, if the c.p. is not actually stationary. For counteracting yawing the short lever arm of the rudder would appear to



FRONT AND REAR VIEWS OF THE MAUBOUSSIN P.M.4: This little French single-seater monoplane is fitted with an A.B.C. "Scorpion" engine.



be a disadvantage, although possibly the relatively large rudder area and high "aspect ratio" of the rudder help to make up for any shortcomings in length of lever arm.

For the rest, the P.M.4 is comparatively orthodox, but characterised by wings of trapezoidal plan form, of large span. The ailerons extend over the whole span (with the exception of the extreme wing tip), and are divided into two portions, of which the outer portion acts as an aileron while the inner portion is used as a camber-varying device.

The monoplane wing, which is in one piece, is of all-wood construction, and has two main spars carrying wooden ribs, the whole being covered with three-ply wood. The wing is attached to the fuselage by four tapering bolts, and as it is a pure cantilever, there are no other attachments. The wing form is rather pretty, and probably very efficient, but would appear to be somewhat expensive to build.

The fuselage is of square cross-section, with a light internal framework and ply-wood covering. Windows in the sides give light and view, while the windscreen in front of the pilot, sloping up to the leading edge of the wing, gives a good view forward, the more so as the extreme nose is dropped and

Specification

Following are the main characteristics of the Mauboussin P.M.4:—

 Wing span
 ...
 10 m. (32 ft. 10 in.).

 Length, overall
 ...
 4·40 m. (14 ft. 5 in.).

 Height
 ...
 1·85 m. (6 ft. 1 in.).

 Maximum chord
 ...
 1·5 m. (4 ft. 11 in.).

 Wing area
 ...
 10 m.² (107·6 sq. ft.).

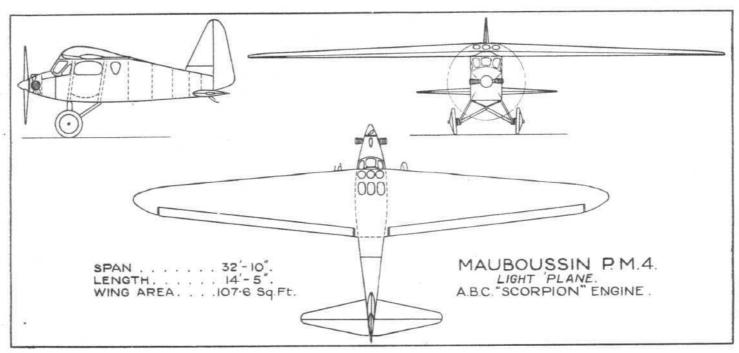
 Engine
 ...
 A.B.C. "Scorpion."

 Normal power
 ...
 34 b.h.p.

Weight of machine, empty 185 kg. (407 lbs.).
Normal loaded weight ... 300 kg. (660 lbs.).
Maximum gross weight ... 340 kg. (748 lbs.).

Estimated Performance

Maximum speed . . . 155 kms./hr. (96·25 m.p.h.). Climb to 1,500 m. (4,920°ft.) in 7 mins. Ceiling . . . 7,000 m. (23,000 ft.).



THE MAUBOUSSIN P.M.4 LIGHT MONOPLANE: General Arrangement Drawings.

the flat-twin arrangement of the A.B.C. "Scorpion" engine results in a smooth deck without obstructions. Behind the pilot's seat is room for mails or luggage. The controls are of normal type, with a "joy stick" for ailerons and elevator and a foot-bar operating the rudder.

The tail surfaces consist of a fixed tail plane, set very low on the fuselage, to which is hinged a one-piece elevator, and of a fixed vertical fin supporting a very tall and rather narrow rudder.

The undercarriage is of the "split" type, with plain rubber cord shock absorbers.

A neat cowling surrounds the central portion of the "Scorpion" engine, and as the petrol tanks are situated in the wing, direct gravity feed is available. A small spinner on the propeller boss serves further to streamline the "nose" which looks fairly "clean."

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Flying Near Bognor

A NOTICE to Airmen issued on February 11 states that during the residence of His Majesty the King at Craigwell House, Bognor, all pilots should refrain from flying within four miles of Craigwell House, which is situated one mile to the west of Bognor.

Leader of Far East Flight Returns

GROUP CAPTAIN H. M. CAVE-BROWNE-CAVE, the R.A.F. Officer who commanded the Far-East Flight of four R.A.F. Supermarine "Southampton" (Napier) flying-boats which started from Plymouth in October, 1927, and flew at least 27,000 miles, returned to England on February 8 to report to the Air Ministry. He was welcomed at Liverpool Street Station by his brother, Wing Commander T. R. Cave-Browne-

During actual trials, the top speed did not reach more than 147 kms./hr. (91·25 m.p.h.), but the propeller fitted on this occasion was not quite suitable, and reduced the engine speed to 2,150 r.p.m., which would correspond to about 31·5 b.h.p. With the new propeller being produced, the engine speed should go up to 2,550 r.p.m., and allow the engine to develop 38 b.h.p. On climbing tests, a height of 1,000 m. (3,280 ft.) was reached in 5 mins. 25 secs., and an altitude of 2,000 m. (6,560 ft.) in 12 mins. 5 secs. Even these figures, however, are by no means bad, and the P.M.4 appears to be a very efficient little machine. Until further performance figures are available, there is little purpose in calculating the "Everling Quantities." It is of interest to note, however, that the top speed actually attained, assuming the engine to have developed 31·5 b.h.p., gives a "high-speed,"

figure  $\frac{\eta}{2k_D}$  of 18.5, which is quite good.

Cave, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Vyell Vyvyan, Maj. J. S. Buchanan and Maj. O. E. Villiers, of the Air Ministry, Capt. D. Acland, representing the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, Group-Capt. W. F. MacNeece Foster, representing the Air Council, and Capt. W. T. S. Williams, representing the Air League of the British Empire. The four flying-boats are now at Singapore, where they will be stationed permanently. R.A.F. African Flight

The R.A.F. Fairey-Napier machines left Cairo on February 12 for the annual flight down the African continent to Cape Town and back. They are commanded by Sqdr.-Ldr. F. J. Vincent and the personnel are drawn from No. 45 Squadron stationed at Helwan. The programme provides the arrival at Cape Town on March 14.



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under command of Group Capt. Cave-Browne-Cave

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## Extracts from Official Report

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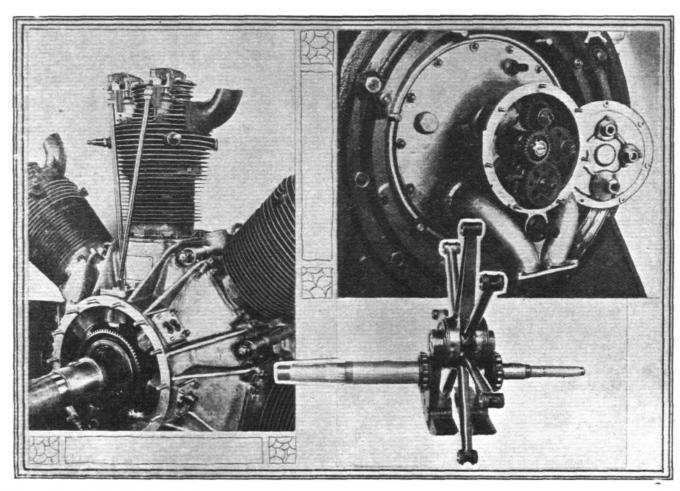


## THE 240-H.P. WALTER-CASTOR AERO ENGINE

## A Czecho-Slovak Air-Cooled Radial

The well-known Czecho-Slovak Aero Engine firm of Walter A. Spol, of Prague—who have already produced several types (60 h.p., 85 h.p., 120 h.p., 420 h.p. and 600 h.p.) of air-cooled radial engines for aircraft, recently added yet another model to their range. This new engine, one of medium

Like previous Walter engines, this new model is an aircooled radial, with seven cylinders, 135 mm. (5·3 in.) bore by 170 mm. (6·7 in.) stroke. The cylinders are made from the solid block of forged steel, with the cooling fins and bottom flange machined. The tops of the cylinders are also

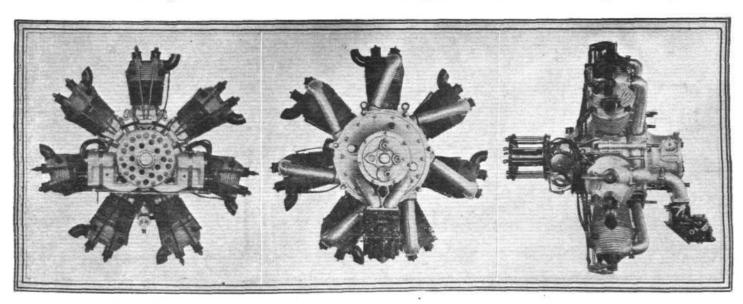


THE 240 H.P. WALTER-CASTOR ENGINE: Some constructional details showing the valve gear (left), auxiliary gears and crank-shaft assembly (right).

power (i.e., 240 h.p.), was recently tested under the supervision of a committee of Public Works, having successfully passed the tests according to the international rules of the C.I.N.A. We are able this week to give a brief description with illustrations of this engine.

machined to receive the separate cylinder heads. It may be of interest to note that all the steels used in the construction of Walter engines are made by the well-known Poldi Steel Foundries.

The cylinder heads are of aluminium, thermically treated,



THE 240 H.P. WALTER-CASTOR ENGINE: Three views of the new model recently added to the wide range (60 h.p.—600 h.p.) of air-cooled radial engines produced by the well-known Czecho-Slovak firm.

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and are screwed on to the cylinders by a special arrangement, forming a patent of the company, each head being inter-changeable. The valve seats are of bronze, pressed into the heads, and the valves are operated through rocker arms and push rods, each valve being provided with three concentric springs and one return spring on the push rod. The valves themselves are made of special Wolfram steel.

Pistons of special heat-treated aluminium alloy, with domed heads and strengthening ribs, are employed; each piston has two rings and one scraper ring. The connecting rod system comprises a master rod and six auxiliary rods; the former is made of H-section nickel-chrome steel, and the latter are tubular. The big end is of the same type that has given such successful results on other Walter engines, and consists of a double roller bearing with a space between for the auxiliary rods. The latter are carefully balanced to ensure even running.

The crankshaft, of Poldi-Victrix steel, is built up in two parts, with counterbalance weights on each part, and is supported by two roller bearings, propeller thrust being taken by a thrust bearing in the front crankcase cover; there is also an auxiliary roller bearing carrying the tail-

shaft.

The crankcase is of the barrel type, divided circumferentially, with end covers. The steel bolts securing the two parts of the crankcase also serve for the attachment of the engine in the engine mounting of the machine. The front part of the crankcase houses the cam disc, which has cams in two rows; four front cams operate the exhaust valves, while four rear cams operate the inlet valves. The cam disc is driven through a layshaft by spur gearing.

A Zenith 60 D.C.J. double carburettor is fitted, this being

mounted on the rear crankcase cover, and supplying mixture mounted on the rear crankcase cover, and supplying infixture to a chamber formed by the side of the rear half of the crankcase and its cover. In this chamber is a centrifugal fan, driven directly by the crankshaft, which assures an even mixture being distributed to the cylinders. The mixture is led from this chamber to the cylinders through seven radiating induction pipes; the chamber, together with the carburettor, are heated by the warm oil from the engine.

Lubrication is of the dry sump type, with two gear pumps, mounted on the lower part of the rear half of the crankcase and driven by spur gear from the crankshaft. Oil is collected in a sump located at the lowest part of the crankcase, and returned by the pump to the oil tank via a filter and carburettor and mixture chamber heater jackets.

Ignition is by two Bosch G.F.7 (or two Scintilla G.N.7) magnetos mounted on brackets cast on the front cover, below the crankshaft, and are driven through bevel gear from the cam gear layshaft.

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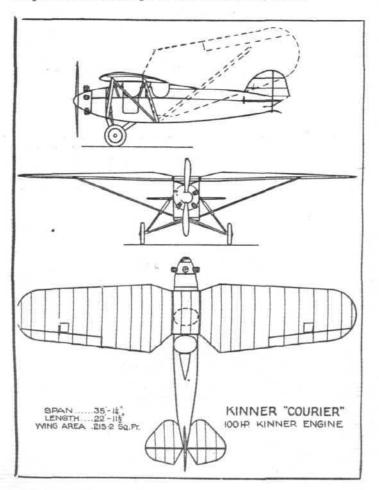
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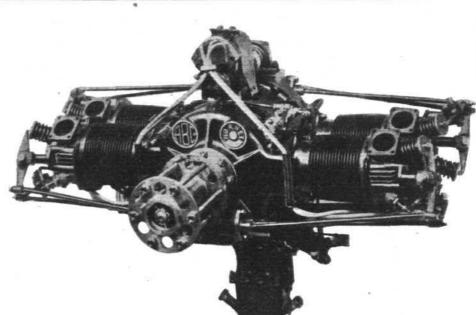
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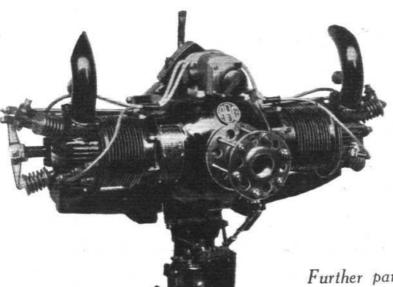
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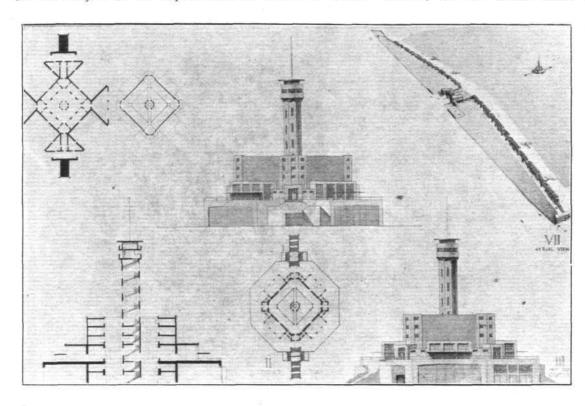


## FUTURE LONDON AIR PORTS

The two air port plans which illustrate this article were successful, with the plan by Mr. D. H. McMorran, in the competition recently organised by the Royal Institute of British Architects for prizes totalling £200 given by the Directors of the Gloster Aircraft Co., Ltd., and Messrs. H. H. Martyn and Co., Ltd., to stimulate architectural ideas on the subject of the requirements of aircraft in fifteen

main buildings, control tower, hotel, administrative offices, etc., were in a line stretched across the extreme end of the site, whilst in front a series of hangars described a neat arc. The remainder of the ground was entirely free for aircraft.

Mr. Hartland Thomas also gets a neat effect in his scheme, but his control tower is clocated in the centre



Mr. M. Hartland
Thomas's plan
(with sections of
the control tower)
for a future
London air port.
He shared the
first place with
Mr. D. H. Mc
Morran and received £62 10s.

Mr. L. C. S. Farmer's plan for a future London air port, which won him second prize, £25, in the competition.

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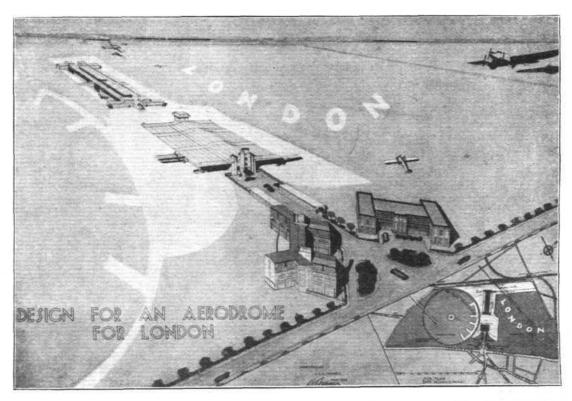
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years' time. We published more detailed particulars of the competition on January 31 last, with a photograph of Mr. McMorran's plan. He and Mr. M. Hartland Thomas shared the first prize of £125, and Mr. L. C. S. Farmer won the second prize of £25.

There was an attractive simplicity and architectural economy in Mr. McMorran's scheme. The ideas that actuated him almost spoke for themselves on the plan. Clearly he resolved to give as great an area, free of the smallest obstruction, for the movement of aircraft. His

of the field, as will be seen by the general view in the right-hand corner of his plan on this page. His other buildings range in one line along the edge of the field. Communication between them and the control tower, which houses the meteorological and other offices, also hangars, is made by a sunk road, which also stretches right across the field.

Mr. L. C. S. Farmer divides the aerodrome with a road

Mr. L. C. S. Farmer divides the aerodrome with a road at right angles and ranges his buildings along it. One side of the aerodrome would be allocated to aircraft arriving, and the other side to aircraft departing.



## **EDDIES**

As a relic of "speed," in the not very long ago, at least one of the last of the twelve existing hansom cabs might well find a resting place in the London Museum. Advance following advance in speed, the sequence of tubes, motor-cars, taxis and even trams in their turn, has during the last thirty years gradually but remorselessly wiped out the once so-called swift London "gondola"—otherwise the London hansom. With the ever-increasing speed of aircraft the limit must have been about reached, and therefore with Finality and just the round dozen, so far as record can trace of these once comfortable fiacres, left, it would be regrettable if this emblem of speed in the past century should become obsolete.

That murder in Paris of Delattre, who appears to have been anxious to import some German secret method of stopping aeroplanes when in the air, is sufficiently mysterious to excite the envy even of Edgar Wallace. There are all the elements of a thrilling story in the screed said to have been left behind by Delattre and found near his body, to the effect that "I told them I would give them my documents for nothing if necessary, and if anything happens to me you will know it is ——— who has struck the blow." It appears that for some days the murdered man was followed by "secret service men," and where E. W. should come in would be in wrapping up until the last chapter the nationality and identity of the flitting secret service men, who, it is inferred, are responsible for the outrage.

It is to be hoped the French authorities will not raise their present ban upon the East to West Atlantic flying without they first satisfy themselves all reasonable provision against untoward possibilities have been provided for. It would then be time enough for the courageous men who are said to be preparing for the venture to take their chance in this great handicap. Amongst the optimistic ones who are in favour of these flights are said to be Capt. Fonck, Capt. Coste, Lieut. Paris, M. Berliet, Jun., and several other prominent men.

It is to be hoped the Sultan of Zanzibar, when he visits various points of interest in England as the guest of the British Government in May next, will have an insight and convincing proof of the promise of aircraft in the development of his country, not only from the Service point of view, but into the wonderful operations which are going on in the works of some of our great aviation firms. It should be distinctly helpful to the industry.

How satisfactorily is the League of Nations "will for peace" working out? The wonderful moral effect of this ideal body emerges once again in the evident growing desire for "peaceful" control of the Mediterranean, as between Italy and France, England, of course, standing by, ever watchful to see that British trade interests are not interfered with. Although the main efforts are apparently directed through the Navy Estimates in both the French and Italian programmes, the aircraft forces are becoming a very important factor having regard to the very hazardous position which their rapid multiplication constitutes for the slow-moving battleship. Both powers are relying ultimately upon this phase of control, Italy at present apparently claiming to have the lead in all respects. Of course, each country blames the other for this rivalry state of affairs, and what one would like to know is when the good offices of the League are likely to start.

THE aeroplane is responsible for another good deed to humanity. Owing to a recent flood, the inhabitants of Independence, Kansas, were cut off for four days, and the people were clamouring for bread, which the bakers were unable to supply because of the lack of yeast. And so a National Air Transport mail 'plane was chartered to fly a supply of yeast to the town. Pilot Harry Lewis, who flys the night air mail for N.A.T. between Chicago and Kansas City, made the round trip of 280 miles between Kansas City and Independence, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. flying time, and landed in a hayfield six miles west of Independence, as the city airport was mandated.

Self-raising flour!

Also, did Pilot Lewis make any rolls during his trip?

ALTHOUGH it is only in more recent years aircraft have taken a hand in Polar Exploration, this side of the great

venture is likely to at last lead to a successful issue of the objects sought, whether it be a North or the South Pole expedition. Representatives at the reunion the other day of thirty-four Antarctic explorers, survivors, in this country, of nine Antarctic and two relief expeditions, dating back from 1898, naturally did not include a list of aviation representatives, but at the next gathering of these intrepid men it is more than likely that this side of the ventures will more than justify itself.

The primary object of the gathering at the Café Royal was the inauguration of an Antarctic Dinner Club, Engineer Vice-Admiral R. V. Skelton, D.S.O., who was chief engineer in the "Discovery" (1901-4), presiding. A very wonderful company assembled in support of their chairman and embraced only participants in Antarctic exploration, including representatives of the "Southern Cross" (1898-9), "Discovery" (1901-4), "Morning" (1902-4) and "Terra Nova" (1903-4), (relief ships to "Discovery"), "Scotia" (1902), "Nimrod" (1907-9), "Terra Nova" (1910-13), "Aurora" (1911), "Endurance" (1914), "Quest" (1921), and "Graham Land" (1921).

That the idea of the club is of an intimately personal character may be judged by an excellent example in after-dinner oratory, which might well be followed with great advantage and immense relief with nine out of every ten after-dinner speeches. This pleasurable innovation was confining the toasts to "The King," the chairman then "drinking" a glass of wine with the members of each of the expeditions in chronological order.

Mr. Everyman Drage's system has now taken to itself the realm of aviation in America. According to the Daily Telegraph New York correspondent, the tremendously increased interest in aeronautics displayed in the United States is bringing this about, and the steady production of American factories has resulted in facilities being provided for the supply of flying machines on the hire purchase system. Evidence that demonstrates Americans are taking aviation now very seriously.

Which reminds me, that an old pioneer friend here—to wit, Warren Merriam—is already prepared to give similar "pay as you go" assistance in regard to aircraft.

It is difficult this side for the plain man in the street to follow or understand the working of the American political machine, especially at Presidential election time. But apparently one form it takes is embittered discussion regarding their Navy Bill, into which the very vital question of aviation enters very prominently. Dealing with the "voices" in the States, Mr. Edward Marshall in the Daily Telegraph summarises this aspect by saying that national thought is fascinated by the continual unfolding panorama of aeronautical progression. It is freely predicted that long before much more than the preliminary 12 millions, with which the Navy Bill deals, has been spent, far-sighted experts will have brought irresistible influence to bear on reducing steel ships and increasing aeronautical expenditure. Which conclusion should be a further very good reason for Great Britain being wise in time and acting accordingly.

On the other hand a sense of proportion should be observed, as it is acknowledged at Washington apparently that the existing aircraft carriers *Lexington* and *Saratoga* are so costly to run that they may have to be laid up. In fact it appears that the Chairman of the U.S. Appropriation Sub-Committee on Naval Finances is in favour of withdrawing these 33,000-ton warships from active service.

Our hats off to our well-balanced contemporary the Observer for its usual regard for decency in journalism, in giving a single general view photograph only of our greatly beloved King leaving Buckingham Palace on Saturday in the ambulance which every member of the community prays has conveyed him on the first stage to complete convalescence. What a contrast to, under the circumstances, some of the ghastly abhorrent photographs prominent in other Sunday publications of "close-ups" of the King as seen in the ambulance. Can Sunday "yellow" journalism go further?





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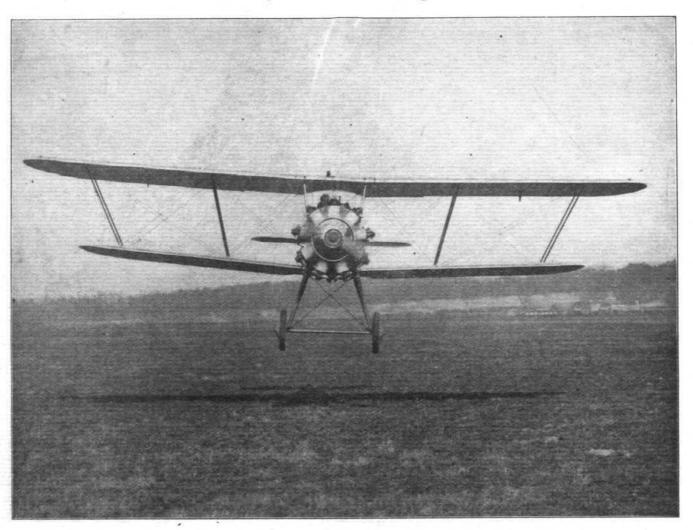
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## THE SUFFOLK CLUB'S WELCOME TO THE HON. LADY BAILEY

THE Hon. Lady Bailey was welcomed by the Suffolk and Eastern Counties Aeroplane Club, of which she is President, on February 7. It was arranged that Lady Bailey should fly down from London during the day and open the new clubhouse, Mr. Courtney N. Prentice and Dr. James C. Sleigh, of the Suffolk Club, each left Hadleigh at mid-day in the Club's Blackburn "Bluebirds" (Armstrong-Siddeley "Genet" engines) with passengers to meet Lady Bailey and escort her to the aerodrome, but they returned alone after a considerable flight and reported thick weather. Meanwhile Lady Bailey had left Stag Lane in her Cirrus-Moth,

pride in that it was accomplished by their president. But he did not think he could say they had taken any more pride than other people had done all over the country. The achievement had been marked by the grant of the International Aeronautical Association medal, a recognition of Lady Bailey as the champion airwoman. It was the second year in succession that she had won that medal.

Some of them, continued the speaker, had started on crosscountry flights, got lost, come down to a railway station, and found where they were. Lady Bailey had worked on a map of 1 in. to 100 or 200 miles, with no railway stations, but



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SUFFOLK AND EASTERN COUNTIES AEROPLANE CLUB: In the group on the left are (left to right) Mrs. H. L. Billinton, Mrs. James C. Sleigh, Mrs. Courtney N. Prentice and Mr. Courtney N. Prentice. On the right are (left to right) Mr. G. E. Lowdell, A.F.M. instructor pilot, Mr. H. L. Billinton, a director, and Maj. P. L. Holmes, D.S.C., the secretary. In the centre picture is Dr. James C. Sleigh, the chairman. The machines are Blackburn "Bluebirds" (Armstrong-Siddeley "Genet" engines).

but was obliged to descend owing to fog. Later another attempt was made and a detour round south London tried to escape the fog belt but the conditions were the same everywhere in the locality, and very wisely Lady Bailey decided to land at Croydon. She could only see a ground patch immediately below.

Late in the afternoon Lady Bailey reached Ipswich by car and was the guest of the Club at a dinner at the Great White Horse Hotel which was followed by a dance. There was a company of over 150 to welcome her. Dr. Sleigh, chairman of the club, presided, and the Mayor (Dr. J. F. C. Hossack) was also present. In his speech Dr. Sleigh said that Lady Bailey's African flight was certainly one of the most important ever made, and they of the Suffolk Club took a natural

she got to her destination. It was a flight exceptional for many reasons. Did it not show the great advance flying had made during the last ten years? It was a great achievement by the pilot and the machine.

He recalled how they secured Lady Bailey as president at a time when the club met in a small room. She had brought it prestige and the club certainly progressed. Clubs like theirs had been formed to teach people to fly and obviously had great use.

Lady Bailey then thanked the company for the reception and expressed her pleasure at the great improvement and won-derful progress they had been able to record whilst she had been away. At the beginning of the club she had thought that not a great deal of confidence was being shown in that part



of the country, but from the progress made a great deal more confidence would be established. Lady Bailey then traced the course taken during the flight round the African Continent and described the changing nature of the country and also commented upon the possibilities of air transport. She thought that aviation was going to open up the Continent, and mentioned that the Belgians were going ahead tremen-

dously in the Congo.

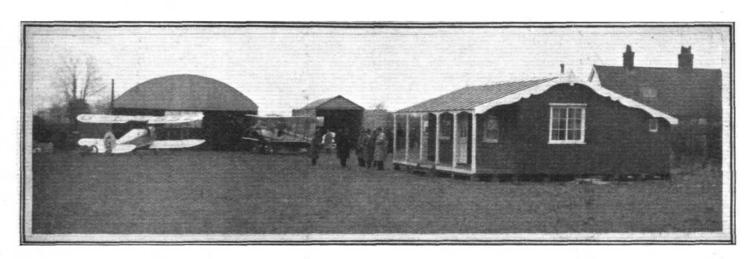
Mr. Courtney N. Prentice then honoured "The Norfolk and Norwich and Kindred Clubs." Mr. A. A. Rice of the Norwich Club responded and joined in the expression of appreciation of Lady Bailey's wonderful flight. They took a pride in the achievement Norfolk way, he said, because Lady Bailey's first cross-country flight was from Mousehold Aerodrome. Flying clubs had their ups and downs and he read that there was a little anxiety with flying clubs as to the new (Guest) scheme. It was premature to discuss it, but he felt, as far as East Anglia was concerned, the Government would see them through. He thought their two clubs could point

in September, the figure being 80 hrs. In January this year, 69 hrs. 25 mins., were completed. Flying at Hadleigh takes place every Tuesday, Wednesday. Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. A large hangar, clubhouse and fuelling station have been created now, and there are always adequate arrangements for the arrival of air visitors, who, in fact, are welcomed.

Major P. L. Holmes, D.S.C., who is the club secretary, has his office adjoining the field, and telephone communication can be made with him there. Visitors can obtain lunch as well as fuel.

At Conington, near Cambridge, a branch of the club has been established for some time, instruction taking place each Monday and Thursday on the Blackburn "Bluebird" which is flown over from Hadleigh. The district offers wide scope for expansion of the branch and it will not be long before a Blackburn "Bluebird" will be kept there permanently with an instructor.

The seaplane branch will start at Brightlingsea, which is on



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HADLEIGH AERODROME, SUFFOLK: The new clubhouse (right) and large new hangar which have been erected at Hadleigh Aerodrome by the Suffolk and Eastern Counties Aeroplane Club. Two of the Club's Blackburn "Bluebirds" (Armstrong-Siddeley "Genet" engines) are in the background.

to as good a record as any in the country; he congratulated the Suffolk Club on its progress.

Mr. Arthur Ll. Edwards proposed the toast of the "Mayor and Corporation," and in the course of his remarks he spoke in terms of praise of the skill of Mr. G. E. Lowdell, A.F.M., the Suffolk Club's instructor pilot.

The Mayor (Dr. Hossack) responded and mentioned, on the question as to whether Ipswich should mark areas for future aerodromes, that in his personal opinion the day was not far distant when something would have to be done in this respect.

## The Club's Record

Last year the Suffolk and Eastern Counties Aeroplane Club accumulated 600 hours' flying time with their three Blackburn" Bluebird" light aeroplanes, fitted with Armstrong-Siddeley "Genet" radial engines, and they never suffered one forced landing through engine trouble. Twelve members were trained ab initio for the "A" licence, and since last Easter, when a most successful air meeting was organised by the club, the membership has grown from 40 to 120, of which 40 are flying members.

The highest total in flying time for the month was raised

the Essex coast, at Easter. A Blackburn "Bluebird' seaplane, is expected to be delivered shortly for the purpose. Pupils will not be taught to fly on seaplanes from the ab initio stage. They must first obtain the "A" licence by instruction on land planes at Hadleigh or Conington. There is every indication of considerable support being received for these branch clubs and, in fact, they may quite possibly outgrow their parent concern.

A curious factor in the success of the Suffolk Club is that it cannot be considered as based on the support of the County. The membership is not composed of the County people. This, incidentally, shows the enthusiasm of those who do make up the membership, for to practise flying at Hadleigh they are obliged to make comparatively long journeys between the aerodrome and their homes. This County apathy lends weight to the suggestion that Conington and Brightlingsea may expand beyond the scale of the Hadleigh Club.

Another feature in the circumstances of the club is that all its leaders are active pilots. Lady Bailey is the President, Dr. James C. Sleigh is Chairman, Mr. H. L. Billinton, Mr. Courtney N. Prentice and also Dr. Sleigh are Directors. The Secretary, Major P. L. Holmes and Mr. Courtney N. Prentice were war pilots.

Domestic Flying

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS NAYLOR, of Eastham, Cheshire, who are believed to be the first married couple to qualify as pilots, flew their own Gipsy-Moth from London to Hooton, Cheshire, last week-end. They are the first members of the Liverpool Aero Club to own a machine.

## Karachi Flying Club Opened

On February 10 the new Karachi Flying Club was opened by Mr. Percival, Judicial Commissioner of Sind, who said that four clubs had been started in India under the control of the Aero Club of India. They were at Calcutta, Bombay, Delhi and Karachi. Each club had been given two D.H. "Moths" and a financial grant. Owing to the climate at Karachi flying was possible all the year round.

Twenty-two applications had been received for training. Six were from Indians and 16 from Europeans, two of whom were women. The club had 44 Indian and 52 European members. After the club was declared open there were aerial displays on the Club's two D.H. "Moths," and by the R.A.F.

Tollerton Hall

A COUNTRY club is to be opened this month at Tollerton Hall, near Nottingham. Close by is an aerodrome site which the Nottingham Corporation are considering for civil aviation purposes. It is now used by the Nottingham Acro Club, and is only 8 minutes' motor run from the Nottingham L.M.S. station. It is anticipated that many hunting men will form the habit of flying from London to Tollerton for a day's hunting. There is some suggestion of a future air service between London and Tollerton.



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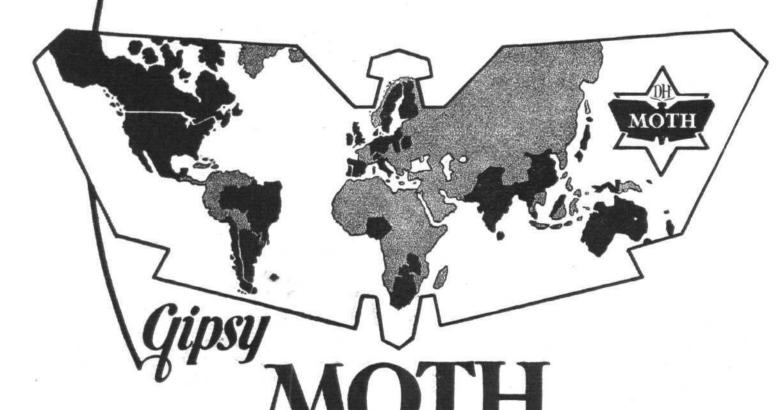
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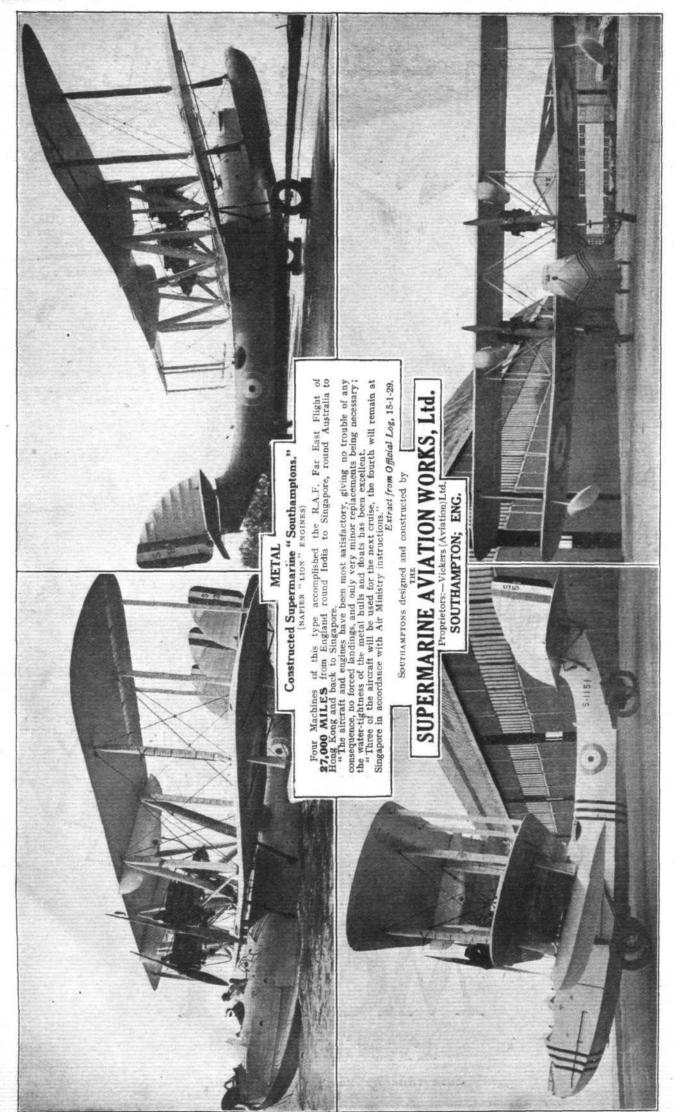
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## LONDON AEROPLANE CLUB

Report for week ending February 10.—Pilot Instructors: Captain V. H. Baker, M.C., A.F.C., Captain F. R. Matthews. Ground Engineers: C. Humphreys and A. E. Mitchell. The tollowing machines were in commission during the week: G-AABL; G-EBXS; G-EBZC; G-EBMP.

Total flying time: 14 hrs. 45 mins. Dual Instruction: 11 members received dual instruction during the week, the time being 6 hrs. 55 mins. Solo flying: 10 members flew solo during the week, the time being 7 hrs. 50 mins. Dinner, dance and cabaret: Members are reminded that the dinner, dance and cabaret will be held on Tuesday, February 26, at the New Princes Galleries, Piccadilly, and are requested to make early applications for tickets so as to facilitate the arrangements.

Club House fund: The Club House fund now amounts to £68 9s. During the week the following donations were received: Anonymous, £10 10s.; R. C. Presland, £1 1s.

Christmas Raffle: Members will be interested to know that G-EBMF, which was raffled and won by Mr. A. F. H. Gee, of Baghdad, has been dismantled and packed for shipment to him.

## BRISTOL & WESSEX AEROPLANE CLUB, LTD.

REPORT for the week ending, February 9.—Pilot instructor, E. B. W. Bart lett. Ground engineer for the week: A. W. Webb. Machines in commission (2) YH, TV. Flying time for the week: 13 hrs. 45 mins. Pupils under instruction (6): 6 hrs. 20 mins. "A" pilots (6): 5 hrs. 50 mins. Test flights (12): 1 hr. 35 mins.

Conditions have been most depressing since our last report, and there has been very little encouragement for flying. Mr. Downes-Shaw made a trip to Yeovil which is the only flight to note beyond the aerodrome limits.

### CINQUE PORTS FLYING CLUB

REPORT for week ending February 9.—Pilot Instructor: Major H. G. Travers, D.S.C. Ground Engineer: Mr. R. H. Wynne. Machines: de H. Moths RI and NN. Total flying time for week: 11 hrs. 50 mins. Dual Instruction: Mr. Evernden, 30 mins.; Mr. Calvert 5 hrs. 5 mins.; Mrs. Travers, 15 mins. Total: 3 members, 5 hrs. 50 mins. "A" Pilots: Mr. Worsell, 45 mins; Mr. Somerset, 2 hrs. 25 mins.; Mr. Douglas, 1 hr.: Total: 3 members, 4 hrs. 10 mins. Tests and Joyrides: 1 hr. 50 mins.

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There is much activity in regard to the Easter Meeting on Good Friday and Easter Saturday. Preliminary inquiries promise hearty support both from the trade and private owners and Regulations for the various races are in the printer's hands and will be broadcast during the week.

### HAMPSHIRE AEROPLANE CLUB

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Report for week ending February 9.—Pilot Instructors: F/Lt. F. A. Swoffer and Mr. W. H. Dudley. Ground Engineers: Mr. E. Lenny, and Mr. J. Elliott. Aircraft: D.H. 60 Moth G-EBOH. Flying time for the week: 12 hrs. 50 mins. Pupils under Instruction: (8), 7 hrs. 45 mins. Soloists: (2), 2 hrs. 55 mins.; "A" Pilots solo: (3), 55 mins. Passengers with "A" Pilots (3), 35 mins. Instructors solo and tests: (6), 40 mins.

The third Annual Dinner was held at the South Western Hotel, Southampton, on Friday, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was enjoyed by a large number of members and guests.

We were very pleased to welcome Sir Sefton Brancker, Lady Bailey, Sqdn.-Ldr. Hinkler, Mayor of Southampton, Col. and Mrs. Barbor, Group Capt. Nanson, Lt.-Cdr. H. E. Perrin, Major Oliver Stewart and several officers of the Royal Air Force.

The Chairman, the Rev. E. Bruce Cornford, announced that Lady Bailey and the Mayor of Southampton had consented to become Vice-Presidents of the club. At the conclusion of the speeches dancing was carried on until 1 a.m.

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## LANCASHIRE AERO CLUB

Report for week ending February 9.—Flying time, 19 hrs. 20 mins Instruction, 4 hrs. 50 mins. Solo flights, 10 hrs. 10 mins. Passenger flights 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tests, 1 hr. 30 mins. Instruction: With Mr. Hall: Messrs Whitehouse, Davies (R. G.), Foote, Mills, Johnson and Stern. With Mr. Cantrill: Messrs. Davies (R. G.), Hardy, Gort, Stern, Sellars. Soloists (under instruction): Messrs. Davies (R. G.) and Whitehouse. Pilots: Messrs. Cohen, Lacayo, Hall (R. F.), Meads, Mills, Gort, Nelson, Weale, Harrison, Twemlow, Goodfellow, Ruddy, Michelson, Crosthwaite, Hardy.

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Passengers: With Mr. Hall—Mr. Davies. With Mr. Cantrill—Mrs. Greenup, Mr. Blatherwick. With Mr. Twemlow—Miss Foden. With Mr. Meads—Miss Sutcliffe. With Mr. Mills—Mr. Howarth.

Although only two machines were in commission during the greater part of the week, improved weather conditions brought about an increased activity on the aerodrome. On Saturday afternoon G/AAEC, the new Avian, was taken over. The colour scheme is dark blue and silver, with the red rose of Lancashire on either side of the fuselage and red inter-plane struts.

It looks very effective.

Messrs. Davies (R. G.) and Whitehouse, both made successful first solo flights during the week. These are the first two ab initio pupils sent off by Mr. Hall, since he joined the Club, and they fully justified the care which he has expended on them.

Mr. A. C. Mills has passed out as fit to carry passengers, and took up his first passenger on Saturday.

### LIVERPOOL @ DISTRICT AERO CLUB

REPORT for week ending Saturday, February 9.—Machines in commission: Avro Avians XX, WK, and ZM, Instructors: Flight-Lieuts, J. B. Allen and A. Sullock (Hony). Ground engineer: Mr. Howard Pixton. Total flying for week: 19 hrs. 10 mins.; dual (15), 8 hrs. 20 mins.; solo (6), 2 hrs. 15 mins.; "A" pilots: solo, (11), 6 hrs. 45 mins. Passenger flights (4), 1 hr. 15 mins. Test Flights: (6), 35 mins.
Mr. Barker performed a very creditable first solo last week.
On Sunday last Messrs. Hall and Davis, of the Lancashire Club, visited us, flying Avian XD.
Mr. Rimmer, of the North British Aviation Company, called and hangared his Avro 504 on Saturday, followed by a further machine on Sunday.
Mr. Moulsdale took delivery of our new MK IV Avian ZM on Friday, flying back from Woodford without incident, and the machine was much admired and flown over the week-end. Its arrival allows Mr. Pixton to get busy with WK, which is now due for overhaul.
Mr. and Mrs. Naylor bought a "Moth" in London and flew the machine back to Hooton on Sunday. They thus become the first private owners of the Liverpool Club, and both are ab initio pilots. This flight is remarkable in that it was their first effort at cross-country flying.
On Saturday next a landing competition will be held for the John Leeming challenge cup, when we hope to have Sir Sefton Brancker present as one of the judges. All members are specially requested to attend. The afternoon should prove most instructive, and no doubt the winner of the cup will show his appreciation in the usual manner, after sunset.

### MIDLAND AERO CLUB

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REPORT for week ending February 9.—The total flying time: 23 hrs. 8 mins. Dual, 10 hrs. 10 mins.; solo, 8 hrs. 15 mins.; passenger, 4 hrs. 20 mins. Test, 23 mins.

The following members were given dual instruction by Flight-Lieut. T. Rose, D.F.C., and Mr. W. H. Sutcliffe:—J. H. Stevens, C. T. Davis, T. W. Wild, L. V. Mann, A. E. Coltman, G. P. Haylock, Major D. Thompson.

Advanced dual: S. H. Smith, E. P. Lane, S. G. Hall, W. L. Handley, J. Rowley, H. J. Lattey, G. C. Jones, S. Duckitt, C. W. R. Gleeson, J. Cobb, M. Blakeway.

"A" pilots:—R. L. Brinton, G. C. Jones, R. L. Jackson, E. P. Lane, S. G. Hall, G. V. Perry, J. Rowley, M. A. Murtagh, H. J. Lattey, H. J. Willis, S. H. Smith, R. D. Bednell, R. C. Baxter, S. Duckitt, G. Savage, C. W. R. Gleeson.

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Soloists: W. L. Handley, L. V. Mann, A. E. Coltman.
Passengers: E. Hanson, L. V. Mann, F. G. Hicks, D. W. Bruton, M. Turner, J. G. Wood, R. N. Clarke, D. Mendez, Dr. Johnson, G. P. Haylock, E. A. Dexter, R. Aspinall, J. E. Hicks, Miss M. Brinton.
Mr. G. Robson took delivery of a Gipsy Moth, which is now housed in the Club Hangar.
The Midland Air Ball, under the auspices of the Midland Aero Club will be held at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on February 25. Tickets, price £1 1s., may be obtained from Capt. J. C. Chaytor, Pooley Hall, Polesworth, Tamworth.

## NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE AERO CLUB

REPORT for week ending February 10.—Instructor: G. M. S. Kemp. Ground engineer: K. C. Brown; Asst.: J. Tait. Aircraft: 3, PT, QV, LX. Total flying time: 14 hrs. 5 mins. Instruction (9), 7 hrs.; "A" pilots (11), 5 hrs. 5 mins.; passengers (3), 1 hr. 50 mins.; test (1), 10 mins. Our flying time is slowly recovering though we are still awaiting some finer weather, and at present a few more flying members would be welcome. We were able to proceed with the landing competition yesterday, when Mr. Irving and Mr. C. Thompson tied with an equal number of points. Three new members have joined this week, and we were pleased to welcome Capt. Kingwall, who called with a "Moth" on his way to Renfrew.

#### NORFOLK @ NORWICH ABRO CLUB

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Report for week ending February 10.—Pilot instructor: J. C. Houston, M.C. Ground engineer: A. Kirkby. Machines (3): ZW, QX, XE.

Total flying time, 10 hrs. 50 mins.; dual, 4 hrs. 15 mins.; solo training, 40 mins.; "A" pilots, 5 hrs. 5 mins.; passengers, 30 mins.; tests, 20 mins.

The weather has been disappointing again this week, and very cold, so that members fight shy of flying except on the very best of days. On Saturday, however, quite a nice gathering were present to watch and take part in the landing and bombing competitions. The Landing Competition was won this week by Mr. J. Collier, and the bombing by Mr. A. Adcock. We congratulate both "on 'em."

All the tickets for the annual dinner, which takes place on the 22nd inst., have been sold, although we are considering as to whether it is advisable to have an overflow room. We shall make up our minds by next week's report, however.

Mr. Collier has presented the Club with a table tennis outfit, for which we are very grateful, and it is proving quite an attraction. Many members are rapidly losing weight.

## SCOTTISH PLYING CLUB, LTD.

Report for week ending February 9.—Chief Instructor: Mr. R. M. Stirling, A.F.C. Ground engineer: Mr. W. Calder. Machines in commission: "X-Moths," G-EBVT, G-EBYG, G-EBUX. Dual instruction: 1 hr. 55 mins. Solo flying: 2 hrs. 40 mins. Passenger flights: 8 hrs. 50 mins. Tests: 1 hr. 20 mins. Total for week: 14 hrs. 45 mins. Instruction (with Mr. Stirling): Messrs. J. E. R. Young, H. D. Primrose and J. C. McDougall. With four days on which flying was possible, the week represents quite the best weather we have experienced in 1929. On Thursday the inaugural



visit to Edinburgh, in connection with the scheme for affording instructional flying to members in the east, was successfully carried out. Leaving Renfrew at 10 a.m., UX, VT and YG, piloted by Mr. Stirling, Mr. B. R. Millar and Mr. G. C. Walker, crossed in formation to Turnhouse Aerodrome, where the day was spent in giving demonstration flights, etc. Some solo flying was done by Edinburgh members, and Mr. J. C. McDougall commenced instruction. In future, Mr. Stirling will visit Turnhouse every Thursday, and will be available for instructional work from about 10.30 a.m. until shortly before dusk. On Wednesday afternoon we had a very welcome visit from a much-missed friend and counsellor, Capt. A. N. Kingwill, who ferried our latest acquisition, G-EBUX, from Stag Lane. Unfortunately, to the general regret, he had to return south the same evening and deprived us of the anticipated pleasure of his company at the Club Dance on Friday. On the same day we were also pleased to receive a visit from Maj. G. S. Cooper, of the Bristol and Wessex Club.

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The Club Dance, in the "Waldorf," Glasgow, on Friday evening was thoroughly enjoyable, and, despite many counter attractions in town, proved

distinctly successful.

## SOUTHERN AERO CLUB

REPORT for week ending February 10.—A fair amount of flying was possible during the week, and on Sunday afternoon the weather allowed

visitors to the aerodrome have included a Moth from de Havillands, and, on Sunday, Mr. Simmonds and Lieut.-Col. Strange on the Spartan, YU. Both Mr. Miles and Mr. Pashley flew the machine, and expressed satisfaction

at its performance.
On Friday, Mr. Miles and Miss Birkett flew over to Southampton on the Avian, G-AADE, to see Mr. Bellairs off on the Arundel Castle to South Africa

#### SUFFOLK @ EASTERN COUNTIES ABROPLANE CLUB

REPORT for week ending February 9:—Instructor: G. E. Lowdell, A.F.M. Ground engineers: "A," W. L. Garner; "C," E. Mayhew. Aerodromes: Hadleigh, Suffolk and Conington, Cambs. Seaplane Base: Brightlingsea, Essex. Flying time: 22 hrs. 20 mins. by Suffolk and Cambridge clubs as

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Suffolk Aero Club.—Flying time: 19 hrs. 40 mins. 12 members were given dual (6 hrs. 30 mins.). 3 members flew solo under instruction (3 hrs. 55 mins.). Flights were made by 6 "A" and "B" pilots (6 hrs. 55 mins.). 9 passengers were carried (1 hr. 10 mins.). 10 tests were made (1 hr. 10 mins.).

Messrs. Payn and Garner carried out first solos successfully during the week. Dr. Sleigh and Mr. Prentice made cross-country flights to Kelvedon and Mr. Collins flew to Colchester.

The great event of the week was the reception to our President, the Hon. Lady Bailey, on her return to the Club from her great flight round Africa. This is already fully reported elsewhere, therefore suffice it to say that over 150 members and friends, among them the chairman, secretary, instructor and members of the Norfolk and Norwich Aero Club, assembled at The Great White Horse Hotel, Ipswich, to do honour to the occasion. After dinner Lady Bailey gave us a most interesting and graphic description of her flight. Dancing then became the order of the evening and the general opinion was that the event was in every way successful and enjoyable.

The Cambridge Aero Club.—Flying time: 2 hrs. 40 mins. 4 members were given dual instruction (2 hrs. 35 mins.). 1 passenger was carried (5 mins.). Flying time at Cambridge was low as most of the members came to Hadleigh on Thursday instead of the machine going to them. The Club continues to make steady progress.

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### YORKSHIRE AEROPLANE CLUB

REPORT for week ending February 9.—Pilot instructor: H. V. Worrall, Ground engineer: R. Morris, Machines in commission: 3 (TB, SV and RF). Flying time for week: 20 hrs. 5 mins. Instruction: 9 (8 hrs. 10 mins.); soloists: 2 (4 hrs.; "A" pilots: 10 (6 hrs. 45 mins.); passengers: 3 (25 mins.); test flights: 8 (45 mins.).

Miss Ellison and Mr. A. Senior carried out their low tests successfully on

February 9.

There has been a good deal of activity amongst the members this week, and we managed to get in 9½ hrs. last Sunday, which is very satisfactory for the time of the year.

There is to be a Whist Drive at the Club House on Wednesday, February 20, at 7.45 p.m., when it is hoped as many members as possible will attend.

### FROM THE FLYING SCHOOLS

## Brooklands School of Flying, Brooklands Aerodrome

REPORT for week ending February 10.—Managing director: Capt. H. D. Davis, A.F.C. Instructors: Capt. H. D. Davis, A.F.C.; Capt. E. A. Jones; and Maj. C. M. Pickthorn, M.C. Machines in commission: Renault "Avros," G-EBVE, G-EBWJ, and "Moth" G-EBMV. Total flying time: 10 hrs.

On Saturday, February 9, we were honoured by a visit from Sir Sefton Brancker, who made an inspection of the machines and joined the instructors and pupils at lunch.

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The school has acquired its first "Moth," which is in great demand by instructors and pupils alike and is hardly allowed to remain on the ground

at all.

We are glad to welcome Miss Emma Haig as one of the latest recruits to the Brooklands School of Flying. Miss Haig will be starting her instruction in about a week's time. Mr. W. H. Chen and Mr. F. H. Green have also joined

Aerial activity is now steadily increasing, as some of our winter sports enthusiasts have returned and started to fly again.

#### Surrey Flying Services, Croydon Aerodrome

Report for week ending February 9.—Principals: Mr. F. W. J. Grant and Capt. A. F. Muir. Four instructors. Nine fully-licensed ground engineers. Secretary: Mr. R. D. Price.

The following pupils have had instruction this week with Mr. Flynn: Messrs. Fox, Brown, Rogers, Benson, Godfrey, Lane, Brodie, Briggs and Brooks, and Messrs. Brodie, Briggs, Brunning and Masters have all been solo satisfactorily.

\*Notes.\*—Although we have only been concentrating on school work for the past few months, the following pupils have all obtained their "A" licences. Messrs. Brodie, Briggs and Brunning are only awaiting favourable weather conditions to complete their tests.

Owing to the prevelance of fog during the week, activities were more or less confined to ground work, when many of our pupils availed themselves of the opportunity of a general look around in our Workshops and Photographic Dept., where some very interesting data can be obtained in construction of aircraft, engines, etc.

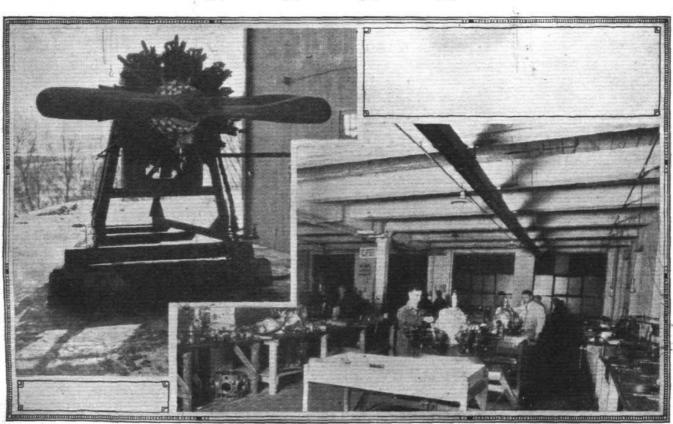
Mr. Moursi, having taken his "A" licence, is now undergoing a further course of instruction for his "B" licence. Mr. Lister who has for some time past owned his own "Avian," constantly uses his machine for visits to all parts of the country, and finds it exceedingly useful.

Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Taylor have taken up foreign appointments since qualifying here. We regret that Miss Darlington and Mr. Maitland Warne were unable to obtain their licences before returning to the U.S.A. and Uganda (owing to weather conditions). Mr. Doyle has now joined the Auxiliary Air Force, and is attached to 601 Squadron at Hendon.

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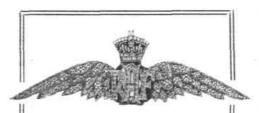


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#### Remarkable Balloon Adventure

Last Sunday morning a balloon ascended from Bitterfeld, near Leipzig, for an inland cruise with Dr. Paul Rohr, Herr Paul Thieleck (a dentist), and Herr G. Rexhausen (a farmer) on board. A sudden storm swung them in a northerly direction, however, and as a descent would have been too dangerous they had no alternative but to drift with the storm. About mid-day a strange land was passed which they imagined to be the Netherlands and an hour or so later the sea was reached. An attempt to descend was made but the apparatus for releasing the gas failed, so the balloon continued to drift. The English coast was reached and they were blown along it for some distance and were then carried out to see again. out to sea again. For some hours the balloon sailed northwards and when darkness descended the position seemed critical. At 3 a.m. the reflection of the lights of a city were sighted which proved to be Aberdeen. Hills then loomed menacingly as the balloon passed over Scotland. and collisions actually occurred. Ballast and instruments were thrown overboard to lighten the car but it did not improve the situation much. Finally, the car caught in a tree and the three balloonists were pitched out. One of them received an injury to his ankle. They set off in the darkness but did not meet assistance until late in the morning, when a man kindly took them to his home. They had been without food for eighteen hours. At Aberdeen the German Consul arranged for their return to Germany. Balloon Adventure at Reading

THE Hon. A. F. de Moleyns and Mr. Percival Spencer ascended in a balloon from Reading recently and the car struck the roof of a shed, dislodged some tiles, and brought down some telegraph wires. The balloon emerged from its danger eventually and rose clear, passing over the town in a western direction.

Mr. Van Lear Black

On February 11 the American millionaire, Mr. Van Lear Black, left Croydon Aerodrome in a three-engined Fokker monoplane (Wright "Whirlwinds") for a business air tour of 35,000 miles to Egypt, Cape Town, India and China. Besides his two Dutch pilots he was accompanied by his valet. The machine passed Le Bourget, Paris, at 11.25 a.m. Forced Landings at Wimbledon

A MONOPLANE engaged on the French air service reached Croydon from Paris on February 10 and left for Cricklewood on February 11, escorted by a D.H. "Moth" belonging to Handley Page, Ltd. The light plane was forced to land in Wimbledon Park, and the monoplane circled for nearly an hour searching for its escort. Having failed, the pilot made a safe landing on the Common, as he did not know the way On board were a mechanic and passenger to Cricklewood. as well as the pilot.

**Endurance Records** 

On January 3 last, Miss Bobbie Trout, an 18-year-old girl of Los Angeles, flew continuously for 12 hrs. 5 mins., in a Golden Eagle machine fitted with a 60 h.p. engine. On January 30, Miss Elinor Smith beat that time with a continuous flight of 13 hrs. 16 mins. 45 secs. over New York. She is a year younger than Miss Trout. The latter again took up the challenge on February 11 and put up a record of 17 hrs. 5 mins. 37 secs. in the Golden Eagle machine.

Explorer's Ship Adrift
COMMANDER R. BYRD's ship, City of New York, was torn from its achorage by a gale which swept across the Antarctic last week and is drifting helplessly in the Bay of

Costly Aircraft Carriers

Whales.

THE American aircraft carriers, Lexington and Saratoga, are reported to be so costly to run that they may have to be berthed to save expense. They are 33,000-ton ships and were commissioned in 1925. Each can accommodate 72 aeroplanes.

Col. C. Lindbergh Engaged

The United States Ambassador at Mexico City, Mr.
Dwight B. Morrow, announced the engagement of his daughter Anne to Col. Charles Lindbergh, the Atlantic airman, on February 12.

Aircraft Assist Ice-Bound Ships

More than seventy steamers are reported to be ice-bound in the Baltic and there is another sixty off the Elbe estuary. Aircraft are taking food supplies to many of the ships.

Graf Zeppelin

THE cruise of the Graf Zeppelin to Egypt has been postponed until March 26 owing to the severe weather delaying preparations

Scandinavian Air Services

It has been decided to recommend the establishment for one month next summer of a night air-mail service from Malmoe to Copenhagen, Amsterdam, London and Paris, according to a message from Copenhagen. It is proposed to link this service with those from Helsingfors, Oslo and Stockholm. Further, it has been thought advisable to have services throughout the year to start in the afternoon, linking Helsingfors, Oslo, Stockholm, Malmoe, Copenhagen and Western Europe.



A SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN AMPHIBIAN: The Sikorsky S-38, fitted with two 410 h.p. Pratt and Whitney Wasp "engines. Two of these machines were recently delivered to the U.S. Navy, and others are used by the Western Air Express and Pan American Airways on their commercial air mail and passenger routes.



German Heavy-Oil Aero Engine
A JUNKERS G.24 monoplane fitted with a Junkers
600 h.p. heavy-oil engine made a first test successfully last A circular flight over Dessau was completed.

Air Mails for Algeria

THE Postmaster-General announces that air mail correspondence for Algeria is now sent by air from London to Paris as well as from Marseilles onwards, and the air fee is now 4d. per oz. The mail now closes at the General Post Office, London, at 6 a.m. each weekday except Saturday.

R.A.F. Officers Held to Ransom

On February 11 three R.A.F. machines were flown to Sultanpore, near Jellalabad, to bring back Flight.-Lieut. Chapman and Flying-Officer Davis, the pilots of the R.A.F. Vickers "Victoria," which made a forced landing recently

whilst flying from Peshawar to Kabul. One of the machines landed and immediately signalled the others not to land. For two hours the machines circled and then returned to Peshawar. It appears that the Afghans with whom the officers are staying require a ransom for their release. There is no fear of their safety. The officer who landed and is now captive with them is Flying-Officer C. R. Hancock. Instructions were despatched to the British Consul at Jellalabad to arrange for their release.

Air Search for Landing Grounds A 10,000-MILE air tour in search of municipal landing grounds is to be carried out by Sir Alan and Lady Cobham between April and August. Every town from Inverness to Penzance will be visited. One of the proposals is to take up every Mayor in this country for a flight.

#### LITERARY REVIEWS BRIEF

"THE Art of Flying."—Capt. Norman Macmillan's interesting book, "The Art of Flying," has appeared in its second edition, published as before by Gerald Duckworth and Co., Ltd., at 5s. net, and it has also been revised and enlarged by the author. Almost a thousand copies were sold in Australia, and an American edition has just been put on the market by Edwin Valentine Mitchell, Inc., Hartford, Conn. Service pilots there have expressed much appreciation of the book's value to the pilot. Capt. Macmillan has added a chapter entitled "The Flying Sense" to the second edition, which treats of the theoretical aspect of practical flying in a way which every pilot should be familiar with but, unfortunately, is not. As with the other chapters, the author makes extra interest by narrating familiar

experiences by way of illustrating his theories.
"Smithsonian Institution Report."—In the 1927 report of the Smithsonian Institution there is an excellent illustrated account by Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth, of the Amundsen-Ellsworth flying-boat expedition to the regions of the North Pole in 1925 and the Norge airship flight to the Pole in May, 1926. On the first attempt the Dornier-Wal flying-boats came down 120 miles from the North Pole after flying for eight hours from Spitzbergen, when they were expected to be over the Pole. On landing, it was found they had drifted westward and also half of the fuel was consumed. The lead in which they landed closed up before they could take off again, and it required 25 days' hard work to free one machine. The expedition cost 150,000 dolls., and 120,000 square miles of unknown regions were explored, whilst two soundings showed the depth of the Polar Basin at that latitude to be 12,000 ft., which precluded the possibility of land on the European side of the North Pole.

The Italian Norge airship was tried for the next expedition of the following year, and it descended to within 300 ft. when over the Pole. Its motors were throttled and heads were bared whilst three flags were dropped. Then the course for Point Barrow, Alaska, was set, a further distance of 1,500 miles, and a landing was finally made at Teller, 91 miles north-west of Nome, after a flight of 3,393 miles in

In the same Smithsonian Report is would be illustrated lecture on "Soaring Flight."

"The Hawk."—We have received the first issue of the Royal Air Force Staff College annual magazine, "The Hawk,"

Andover. Hants, price 2s. 6d. In style it is published at Andover, Hants, price 2s. 6d. In style it is very much like the excellent Cranwell Cadet College magazine. The contents will consist for the most part of work produced

in the ordinary run of duty at the Staff College. A most interesting feature comes under "Service Experiences." Whilst at the Staff College each student is required to place on record his service adventures, particularly those concerned with warlike operations. There is a very intimate review of "War Birds," the diary of an unknown American aviator. The identity of the author is revealed, and to those who read the diary, although the name may convey nothing, yet a curiosity is satisfied. There is also a photograph of the diarist and his friends, Springs, Callahan, etc., who became so alive in the book. The contents of the first issue of so alive in the book. The contents of the first issue of "The Hawk" are far from localised. Subjects range over experiences in many countries, and it is most unlikely that the Staff College alone will enjoy the contents. It is the ambition of the editors to stimulate a medium of expression for the Royal Air Force; and that hope is shared by Marshal of the Air Force Sir Hugh Trenchard in a letter to the Commandant. The editor is Sqdn.-Ldr. A. S. G. Lee.
"Poetry Review."—The January-February issue of the "Poetry Review" announces the results of a competition for poems on the subject of flight. Lieut J. L. Hitchings.

poems on the subject of flight. Lieut. J. L. Hitchings, Air Corps, Fort Crockett, Galveston, Texas, won the first prize of 50 dols. with his ballad "The Ghosts of the Eighth Attack." It is a popular choice, one imagines. suggesting Attack." It is a popular choice, one imagines, suggesting the judges' preference for realism. It is the sort of thing that one has not to read twice to understand, for the simple

reason that the poet understands what he is chanting.
"International Aircraft Markings."—We know from the correspondence that comes to our office of the public curiosity in the identity of passing aircraft. Sqdn.-Ldr. Lord Edward Grosvenor and Mr. Leonard Bridgman have produced an illustrated work, published by Macmillan and Co., Ltd., price 2s. 6d., called "International Aircraft Markings," a title which explains the contents. The naval, military, and civil markings used on aircraft by all countries are vividly illustrated in the correct colours and design. This book

should become a standard reference.

'Handley Page Bulletin." - The January issue of this journal contains further interesting details of the new allmetal Handley Page "Hinaidi," which can be fitted with two Bristol "Jupiter VIII" engines with four-bladed airscrews, or, with slight modification, with Rolls-Royce F. 12A engines, or with Napier "Lion" engines. There is also a trenchant article on safer civil flying and incidental items of news. The contents are printed in three languages-English, French and Spanish—and are well illustrated. The price of this journal is 6d.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

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THE SIMPLEX "RED ARROW"

We are in receipt of your issue of January 10, and note the very good write-up of the Chicago International Aeronautical Exposition but must take exception to the statement of Lady Heath that there is no protection for the pilot in case of a nose over with our ship.

This is a very unfair statement as this was taken care of very safely after numerous conferences with the Department of Commerce at Washington and was arranged to their

entire satisfaction.

We had a very fine demonstration of how good this

protection is, when one of our demonstrator pilots recently ran into a fog in Indiana and finally bumped into an orchard and landed the ship squarely on its back, without injury to the pilot and without crushing the protective rim

If Lady Health had mentioned this while in our exhibit we would have shown her how strongly this protective rim is reinforced, but the writer did not notice her until just before she left the exhibit and only spoke a few words with her.

THE SIMPLEX AIRCRAFT CORP.

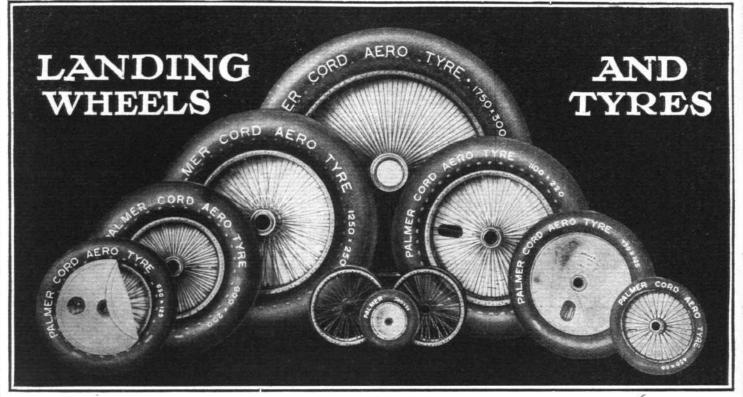
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#### **PARLIAMENT** IN

Airship R 100

Sir S. Hoare, on Jan. 31, in reply to Col. Woodcock, said the airship R 100 should be ready for her shed trials in the early spring. It is not practicable to state how long these trials will take, but I hope that the airship will make her first flight within a few weeks thereafter. The total amount of payment already made by the Government in connection with its construction is £235,000.

Imperial Airways, Ltd. Subsidy
SIR S. HOARE, in reply to Major Hills, said the total amount of subsidy which may be earned by Imperial Airways, Ltd., in respect of their European and Eastern services in the current financial year is £230,600; and in 1929-30, £335,000. No part of this was paid by the Government of India.

Refuelling Aircraft
SIR SAMUEL HOARE, in reply to Viscount Sandon on February 6, said experiments in refuelling aircraft in flight have been carried out successfully at the Royal Aircraft establishment, and the experience thus gained is available whenever it is required. To prescribe this method of refuelling, however, for Service or civil machines, as a matter of routine, could hardly, I think, be regarded as a reasonable or indeed practicable requirement.

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National Flying Services, Ltd.

Colonel Applin asked the Secretary of State for Air (1) whether he is aware that a company called the National Flying Services, Ltd., has been formed to establish aerodromes and flying schools and generally to carry on the business of aviation on a commercial basis; that the schemes of this company were developed in close co-operation with an official or officials of the Air Ministry, with the result that this company has secured for itself a privileged position amongst its commercial competitors by the promise of an exclusive subsidy from the Government; that one or more of the officials has since resigned from the Air Ministry and is now financially interested in this company; and whether he can give an assurance to the House that the existing aviation clubs and similar companies will not be penalised by being placed in a worse position financially by reason of the discontinuation of Government subsidies or other assistance;

(2) Whether, before granting a Government subsidy to National Flying Services, Ltd., he has satisfied himself that the commercial prospects of this enterprise have been examined and approved by any commercial aviation expert outside the Air Ministry;

(3) Where any aerodromes now under construction by private firms are situated; and whether the proposed subsidy to National Flying Services, Ltd., will be extended to them?

Sir S. Hoare: In view of the widespread interest in the scheme to which these questions refer, I will answer them somewhat fully. As regards the first part I would refer to the White Paper (Cmd. 3264) which was laid last week and which gives brief particulars of the grants to be made to National Flying Services, Ltd.

I may supplement these particulars by saying that I am hopeful that this company's organisation will give

"The Flutter of Aeroplane Wings"

On February 28 next Mr. R. A. Frazer, B.Sc., A.F.R.Ae.S., will read a paper on "The Flutter of Aeroplane Wings" before the R.Ae.S. and Inst.Ae.E.

Investigation of wing flutter in this country was initiated by the Accidents Investigation Sub-Committee of the Aeronautical Research Committee in 1925, and has been continued under the general guidance of the Flutter Sub-Committee. The subject has been studied experimentally and theoretically both at the Royal Aircraft Establishment and at the National Physical Laboratory.

In Part I of Mr. Frazer's lecture the principles of flutter and its prevention will be explained. Demonstrations will be given of wing flutter, and a slow-motion cinematograph film of the flutter of a model biplane will also be shown.

In Part II the results of experimental tests of the theory

grounds—could not possibly be secured otherwise than through the medium of a commercial organisation without a very much larger expenditure from Air Votes than is entailed by the proposed grants.

As regards the second and third parts of the question, proposals for the formation of a company on these lines were first communicated to me by Captain Guest to whose public-spirited efforts to promote the development of British aviation I should like to pay a passing tribute. Prior to their embodiment in the scheme now adopted, there were naturally a number of consultations both with myself and Air Ministry officials. It is the case that one temporary official, whose services I am very sorry to lose, has resigned his appointment to take up work in the new company. I may add that his appointment was a technical one, and that he was not responsible in any way for the conduct of the financial negotiations. Any implication, therefore, that undue favour was secured by the company through his instrumentality is entirely devoid of foundation.

As regards the last part of the question, no change is contemplated in the agreements under which the existing light aeroplane clubs are subsidised.

The commercial prospects of the company are a matter for the promoters and subscribers, and the Air Ministry's part in the transaction is confined to the payment of certain grants dependent upon the concrete results explained in the White Paper. Since, however, certain acknowledged financial and commercial flying experts have accepted seats on the board, it would seem a legitimate deduction that these gentlemen are satisfied that the company's scheme is soundly conceived and has a reasonable prospect of success.

Apart from the aerodromes in contemplation by municipal authorities and National Flying Services, Ltd., the only aerodrome under construction by a private firm, so far as I am aware, is that situated at Heston, near Hounslow. An application for a licence for an aerodrome site at Tavistock has also been received from a private in

Royal Air Force Recruits

MR. THURTLE asked if it is customary for the Air Force to accept recruits for service under assumed names when it is known that such names are

assumed?

Sir S. Hoare: There can hardly be said to be anything "customary" in a matter of this kind, but it is well recognised that men do enlist in assumed names, for a variety of reasons, and definite provision is made in the regulations that a man who has done so may subsequently have his true name recorded by making a statutory declaration in the prescribed form.

Mr. Thurtle: Will the right hon. Gentleman answer my question as to whether the Air Force accept a recruit when they know that he is using an assumed name?

Sir S. Hoare: "Yes, they do."

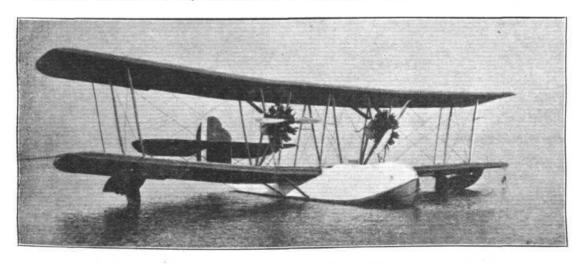
Schneider Trophy

Sir S. Hoare, in reply to Mr. Day, said certain Royal Air Force pilots are now under training on high speed aircraft with the view to the selection of a British team to compete in this year's Schneider Trophy race. Four high speed aircraft are being developed for the purpose of the race, two by the Supermarine Aviation Works, Ltd., and two by the Gloster Aircraft Co., Ltd. The engines are being produced by D. Napier and Son, Ltd., and by Rolls Royce, Ltd. America, Italy, France and Great Britain have entered for the next contest. for the next contest,

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will briefly be surveyed; and in Part III the final design recommendations will be stated and explained.

It is believed that a prevention of such types of flutter as involve the ailerons would meet most practical requirements at the present day. The desired result could be attained by adoption of a single measure, namely, "irreversiattained by adoption of a single measure, namely, "irreversibility" of the aileron control. If, on the other hand, the ailerons are to be operated in the conventional manner, compliance with a number of conditions appears to be advisable. In particular, each aileron should be heavily damped and definitely under-balanced aerodynamically, its centre of gravity should lie slightly ahead of the hinge axis, and its moment of inertia should be as small as possible. The design recommendations also include measures for the prevention of flutter of the wing as a whole in flexure and torsion



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#### A REALISTIC MODEL

#### Some Further Notes and a New Type

In our issue for December 13 last we described and illustrated a model monoplane produced by A. E. Jones, Ltd., of 97, New Oxford Street, W.C.1, and referred to a parasol type that was under way. This week we are able to give an illustration of this new model, "Zephyr," together with a few notes as to its qualities. Constructionally, it is identical to the model previously described, except for the wings and one or two refinements, resulting from the tests we had the pleasure of carrying out with the first model.

The wings are in one piece, 24 in. span, with a dihedral angle, and are mounted above the fuselage on a wire cabane of four inverted V's. The latter receive fore and aft wire projections on the wing, which slide within them so that the position of the wing as regards distance from the nose of the fuselage may be varied through half an inch. Two locking screws on the forward wing supports secure the wings in the desired position once this has been ascertained. Another modification consists of a positive adjustment for the tail plane. This together with the modern is rigidly

Another modification consists of a positive adjustment for the tail plane. This, together with the rudder, is rigidly bolted on the fuselage at the forward end, but projecting below the centre of, and attached to, the tail plane is a short length of wire, which slides within a lug attached to the stern post of the fuselage as the tail plane is raised or lowered. A small locking screw on this lug locks the wire in the lug at any desired adjustment of the tail plane.

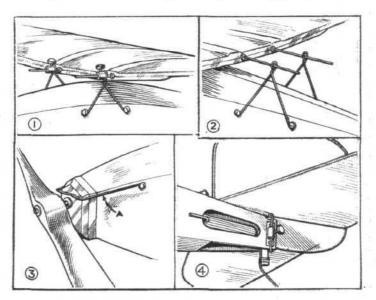
Both these adjustments of wings and tail plane are important features, for we have found from our flying tests with both types that they are very "sensitive on the controls"—but once the correct adjustment has been found they fly remarkably well. They are, in fact, "realistic" not only in appearance, but in performance also. In this respect, therefore, these models, while not giving the performance as regards duration and distance of some models—which by no means resemble a full-sized machine in appearance—provide much interesting study during flight.

As regards the parasol model, we have found that this is perhaps more easy to fly than the other, and is less particular in the matter of wind gusts. This, of course, is due to the fact that it is of larger span and is not so heavily loaded. The performance of the first model, however, has been improved considerably since our last report, and this has been achieved by the fitting of different wings. These are now of slightly larger span with reduced chord, so that while the model is still—in comparison with the "parasol"—a fairly speedy and sensitive flyer, it appears to be more stable than before.

This question of wings brings us to a feature of these "A. E. J." models worth bearing in mind. Having, to start with, an exceptionally strong but light fuselage, efficient motor, sturdy undercarriage, and tail surfaces of ample proportions, it is a very easy matter to experiment with different types of wings, which can be constructed

to one's own ideas around the very simple mounting arrangement provided on the fuselage, while the substitution of different airscrews and motors is also an easy matter, especially if one is provided with a supply of spare spindles and "engine mounts."

Thus, we look at these models in the light of something more than mere toys—although even as such they constitute strong, well-made ones capable of providing plenty of fun—



A REALISTIC MODEL: Some constructional details.

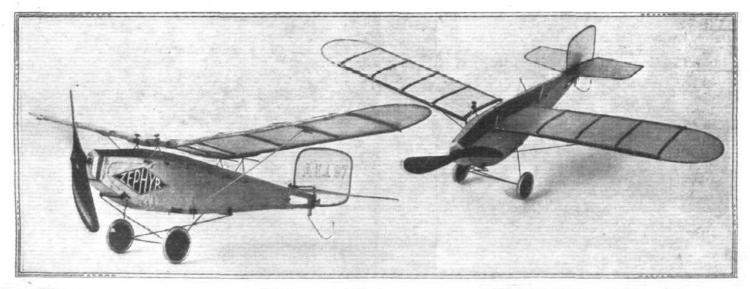
(1) and (2) The adjustable wing attachment; the wing can slide fore or aft in the "cabane" and then be locked in position by two screws.

(3) The detachable aluminium "engine mounting" (carrying the airscrew) is locked in situ by a wire clip, A.

(4) The angle of incidence of the tail plane can be adjusted by the locking screw mounted on the fuselage.

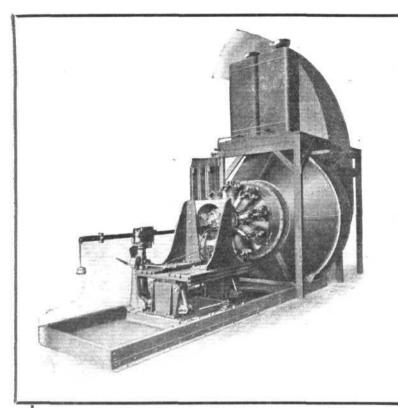
but think they have some real scientific value. Anyway, we congratulate Mr. A. E. Jones on his efforts.

In conclusion, we would very much like to receive "Flying Reports" on these models from any of our readers who may happen to possess one, and would also like to give a little bit of advice to "Zephyr" owners—and that is, if they do not get good results at first, not to be disappointed, but experiment carefully and slowly so as to get the "knack" of launching and adjusting, for, as with nearly all model aeroplanes, this is very important.



A REALISTIC MODEL: On the left is the new parasol-type model produced by A. E. Jones, Ltd., which has remarkable flying qualities. The other illustration shows the improved two-piece wings (incidentally, mounted on the "parasol" fuselage) now fitted in the first "sporting" model previously described in "Flight."





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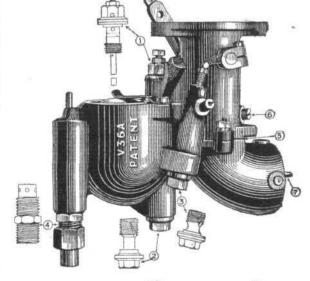
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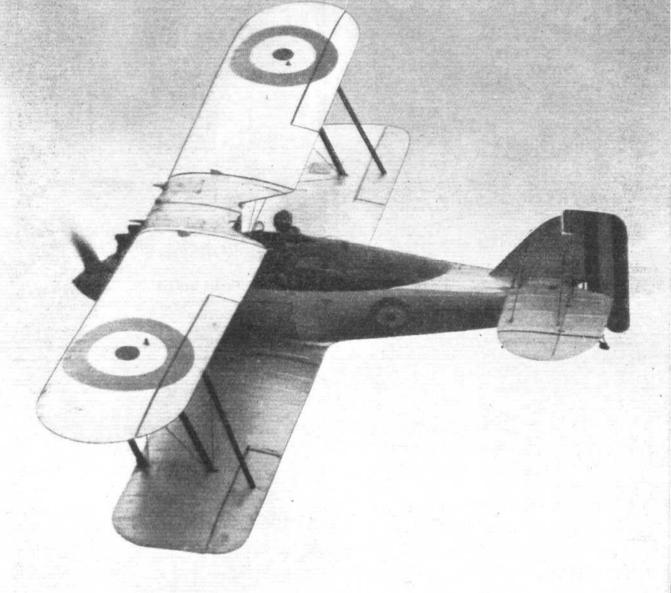
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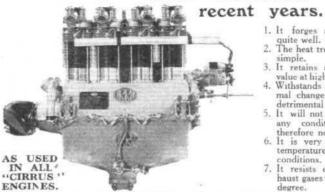
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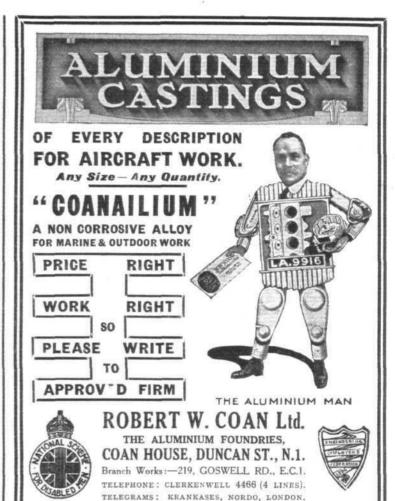
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General Duties Branch
The folig. Pilot Officers are promoted to rank of Flying Officer:—N.H.
Fresson, W. R. M. Higgs, D. Dickson, H. W. Duffey, W. P. J. Thomson (Jan. 1); D. G. P. Fitzpatrick (Jan. 8); R. A. T. Stowell (Jan. 30).
Flight Lt. S. T. B. Cripps, D.F.C., is placed on retired list at his own request (Feb. 5); Flying Officer G. R. A. Pallin is transferred to R serve, Class C (Jan. 31); Lt. A. M. Rundle, R.N., Flying Officer, R.A.F., ceases to be attached to R.A.F. on return to Naval duty (Feb. 1).

Medical Branch

The folls, are granted temp, comm, as Flight Lts, on re-employment:— E. E. Isaac (Jan. 4); G. S. Ware (Hon. Squadron Leader) (Jan. 7). Flying Officer A. L. St. A. McClosky is promoted to the rank of Flight Lt. (Feb. 2).

Capt. W. Wormington (Army Dental Corps) is granted a temp, comm. as Flight Lt. (Dental) on attachment to R.A.F. (Feb. 1); Flight Lt. W. R. Wotton (Capt. Army Dental Corps) relinquishes his temp. comm. on return to Army duty (Feb. 1).

#### RESERVE OF AIR FORCE OFFICERS

General Duties Branch

Flying Officer R. G. Shaw is transferred from Class AA to Class C (Feb. 2): Flying Officer J. Sewell relinquishes his comm. on completion of service, and is permitted to retain his rank (Feb. 5); Pilot Officer J. S. Davidson relinquishes his comm. in the Special Reserve on account of ill-health (Feb. 6).

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE

Appointments.—The following appointments in the Royal Air Force are notified:—

General Duties Branch

Wing Commander C. C. Durston, to H.Q., India, for Course at Staff College, Quetta, 2.1.29.

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Squadron Leaders: H. I. Hamuer, D.F.C., to Air Ministry (D.O.I.), 31.12.28. W. B. Farrington, D.S.O., to No. 100 Sqdn., Bicester, 31.12.28. C. St. Noble, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 13.1.29. J. Blackford, to Air Ministry (D. of T.), 19.1.29. O. R. Gayford, D.F.C., to No. 47 Sqdn., Middle East, 21.1.29. H. L. Beatty, to R.A.F. Base, Calshot, 1.2.29. P. F. Fullard, D.S.O., M.C., A.F.C., to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 25.1.29. R. L. Sweeny, to Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, 5.2.29. D. L. Blackford, to Air Ministry (D.O.I.), 25.1.29. K. L. Boswell, to Air Ministry (D.O.I.), 51.29. K. L. Boswell, to Air Ministry (D. of E.), 51.29. F. W. W. Wilson, to No. 1 Flying Training Sch., Netheravon, 5.2.29.

Flying Officers: L. P. Hirsh, to Royal Airship Works, Cardington, 1.2.29. C. F. Steventon, to No. 2 Sqdn., Manston, 30.1.29. G. H. Randle, to Elec. and Wireless Sch., Flowerdown, 22.12.28. R. A. Seaton, to H.Q., Middle East, 11.1.29. R. W. Steele, to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge, 11.1.29. R.

Kellett, to No. 30 Sqdn., Iraq, 15.1.29. A. T. S. Studdert, to Andover, Communication Flight, 31.1.29. A. L. Mortimer, to No. 204 Sqdn., Cattewater, 8.2.29. H. E. Nowell, to No. 4 Sqdn., S. Farnborough, 26.2.29. J. E. McC. Henderson, to Elec. & Wireless Sch., Flowerdown, 5.2.29. Pilot Officer B. F. Cox, to No. 2 Flying Training Sch., Digby, on appointment to a Permanent Commu., 31.1.29.

Accountant Branch
Flying Officer S. C. George, to No. 208 Sqin., Middle East, 18.1.29.

Medical Branch
Wing Commander F. C. Cowtan, to Air Ministry (D.M.S.), 29.1.29.
Flight Lieutenant E. Thompson, to Palestine General Hospital, instead of to H.Q., Middle East, as previously notified.
Flying Officers: A. L. St. A. McClosky, to Princess Mary's R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, 11.2.29. J. J. Quinlan, M.B., and P. B. L. Potter, M.B., to R.A.F. General Hospital, Iraq, 24.1.29. G. T. O'Brien, M.B., to No. 47 Sqdn., Middle East, instead of to H.Q., Middle East, as previously notified. A. E. Vawser, to Medical Training Depot, Halton, on appointment to a Short-Service Commn., 1.2.29.







#### **AIRPORT** TO VISIT SOUTHAMPTON

The following account of a visit to the Imperial Airways Airport at Southampton was written by Frederic G. Hobbs, one of the students from the Aircraft Construction Classes of the Southampton University College. We publish it in the hope that it may encourage other students to make similar efforts at recording their impressions of matters aviatic.—ED.]

On Saturday, December 15, a party of students from the Aircraft Construction Classes of the Southampton University College, paid a visit to Imperial Airways Airport, with the intention of seeing the "Short Calcutta" flying-boat used on the cross-channel route.

We arrived at the entrance of the Airport with our class instructor, Mr. H. T. Tremelling, at 2.30 p.m., and were met by one of the officials of Imperial Airways.

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Imperial Airways.

On admission to the port, the first thing that we saw was the debris of the canvas hangar which was blown down in the gale which raved a few weeks ago. Afterwards, we proceeded to the frost-covered slipway and embarked in the launch to go out to see the "Calcutta," which was moored about 50 yards out in the River Itchen. In a few minutes we were all on board and eager to look round.

The first thing that struck me was the extreme comfort and the great amount of space inside the hull. The upholstery was splendid, and each one of the padded chairs was equipped with an air cushion which, besides being very comfortable to sit on, was useful as a lifebelt if the necessity should arise.

At this point, the gentleman who was escorting us remarked that if we would like to see the more constructional side of the hull, we could proceed aft, where the hull was not upholstered. Therefore we opened the little door leading to the after compartment, and we were very surprised to see the great deal of space that remained. We were told by our escort that this compartment was used for carrying extra luggage, spares, etc., but when using it, care had to be exercised in the stowing of such things, as it tended to make the boat tail heavy. Our escort kindly suggested that if any of us wished to ask questions he would answer us to the best of his ability. He said that the hull was made in sections, and that it was built in a vertical position, the sections being arranged in tier fashion. He also made reference to the metal wings, the ribs of which were constructed entirely of duralumin tube; he showed us a sketch to illustrate the way in which the joints were made.



#### PERSONALS

Married

The marriage took place on February 11, at Farnham Parish Church, of Flying Officer John Hunter McNeill Campbell, third son of Col. Ian M. Campbell, C.B.E., T.D., and Mrs. Campbell, of Elm Grove, Ockham, Ripley, Surrey, and Miss Florence Mary (Mollie) Briscof, eldest daugher of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. T. Briscoe, of Dial House, Farnham. Canon E. M. Girling officiated.

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The marriage took place on February 12, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, of Mr. Henry William Pearson-Rogers, R.A.F., elder son of the late Mr. H. Pearson-Rogers, of Joannesburg, and of Mrs. George Lunn, of 1, Ulster Terrace, Regent's Park, and Miss Francesca Mary Bisshopp, only child of Dr. and Mrs. Francis Bisshopp, of Parham House, Tunbridge Wells. Mr. R. L. R. Atcherley, R.A.F., was best man.

To be Married

The engagement is announced of Mr. Rodney Part, R.A.F., and Eileen Margaret, only daughter of the late Mr. H. Fillingham-Williams, of Bellfield, near Ringwood, and Mrs. Fillingham-Williams, of Crofton, Stafford Road, Southsea.

The engagement

The engagement is announced between SQDN.-LDR. C. A. REA, A.F.C., R.A.F.O., only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rea, of Belfast, and MARGARET,

The main compartment, he said, was designed to accommodate 15 persons, and that the portion which came below the water level was divided into airtanks, so that any damage done to the hull in this compartment would not

necessarily cause the boat to sink.

We then proceeded forward again to see the pilots' cockpit. This was very interesting, and the arrangement of the instruments and controls was

very neat.

Then we went on deck to see the wing construction, engines, and the general

Then we went on deck to see the wing construction, engines, and the general superstructure.

The interplane struts were marked with a red band, which, on enquiry, we were told meant that the strut was of metal construction, and that this was a standard method of marking on all British machines.

The three Bristol Jupiter engines were neatly arranged on the metal nacelles. The engines appeared to be the chief attraction of the machine more especially the centre one, because the gas starter was contained in its nacelle. I think most of us students crawled up into the manhole to see this piece of machinery, because of the fascination it held.

After having explored the wings, tail, and engines, we all assembled on the forward deck, where our escort explained to us the advantage of having the four-bladed propellers made in two pieces. He said that it was more convenient for carrying, and that a spare propeller could be carried in the aft compartment of the machine, if desired.

Then, as we stood on the deck talking, the flying-boat gave a sudden lurch to one side. We looked down on to the water to see what had caused this, but it was evidently caused by the waves on the surface. But as our gaze wandered, we saw a mysterious brown paper parcel come drifting down with the tide towards us. Our escort called to two men who were in a small rowing boat working on the fabric of the starboard wing, to fish it out and see what it was. It was much to our amusement to discover that the parcel contained—a dead chicken.

A little later we returned to the slipway, and looked round the Airport. In one corner were the floats of the "Friendship" and we were interested to note effects resulting from the action of salt water upon the shell.

Finally, we returned to the exit, where Mr. Tremelling cordially thanked our escort, on behalf of us all, for his exceptional kindness in showing us round and telling us the many things that he had done about the "Calcutta" and the Airport

and the Airport



only daughter of the late Maj. C. S. Lowson, I.M.S., and of Mrs. Lowson, of 24, Maybury Mansions, London, W.1.

The will of the late Mr. Frank Hedges Butler, of Regent Street, W., and of St. James's Street, S.W., director of Messrs. Hedges and Butler, wine merchants, the founder of the Royal Aero Club, who died on November 27, aged 72, has been proved at £5,261.

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No. 3 Squadron, R.F.C. and No. 3 (Fighter) Squadron, R.A.F. 5th Annual Re-Union Diamer.

The above dinner will be held at the Trocadero at 7.45 p.m. for 8 p.m. on Friday, March 1. Group-Capt. P. B. Joubert de la Ferte, C.M.G. D.S.O., will take the chair. Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Hugh, Montague Trenchard, Bart., K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., LL.D., will be the guest of honour. Tickets at 12s. 6d. (wines extra, gratuities included) will be obtainable at the dinner. Former members of the Squadron wishing to attend are requested to inform: The Hon. Secretary, Re-Union Dinner Club, No. 3 (Fighter) Squadron, Royal Air Force, Upavon, Wilts.



#### AIR POST STAMPS

By DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG

(Editor of "The Stamp Collector")

Air Post in Ecuador

THE day is not far distant when the whole of the South American continent will be covered with a network of air lines connecting all the principal cities and States. Experimental air post flights were made between Buenaventura (Colombia) and Guayaquil (Ecuador) and return on June 12-16 last, when about 380 letters, etc., were carried and struck with a special cachet in red, reading "PRIMER CORREO AEREO INTERNACIONAL DEL ECUADOR Junio 16 de 1928." As an outcome of these flights a contract has 16 de 1928." As an outcome of these flights a contract has been concluded with the Sociedad Colombo-Alemana de Transportes Aereos for a regular air post service between Ecuador and Colombia, for which purpose special provisional stamps have been issued pending the arrival of an official issue to be used in conjunction with the private air mail stamps of the operating company. The S.C.A.D.T.A. has for seven years past successfully maintained the air post service in Colombia itself and is now engaged in extending its operations to neighbouring countries.

Air Stamps in Bolivia

Rumours concerning an impending issue of official air post stamps from this country are now confirmed by the announcement that in accordance with a recent Government decree a set of three values has been printed at the Imprentas Unidas, La Paz, comprising 10, 20 and 35 centavos, which represent the various surtaxes upon air-borne correspondence in Bolivia.

Catapult Air Covers

The institution of a "ship to shore" aerial letter delivery from the trans-Atlantic liner Ile-de-France by means of a catapulted hydroplane has provided air post collectors with an original and interesting addition to their collections. Some sixteen hundred missives were despatched on the outward voyage from Le Havre, on August 8, at a special fee of 10 fr. Nearly double that number was consigned from New York to Le Havre, and so great was the run on 5, 10 and 20-fr. stamps at the steamship post office that the postal agent applied to the French Consul-General in New York for authority to surcharge a supply of the smaller denomina-tions to denote the supplementary fee. This was granted, tions to denote the supplementary fee. with the result that 3,000 copies of the 90 c. (Berthelot) and 1,000 of the 1.50 fr. (Pasteur) were overprinted "10 Fr." to meet the emergency. This mail was delivered at La Bourget by Lt. Demougeot on August 23, about 18 hours before the liner docked. Besides the regular packet-boat cancellation "New York an Havre" the majority of the covers were impressed with a souvenir cachet in six lines, reading :-

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> > Persian Air Provisionals

The stock of overprinted Persian air post stamps of 1927 being exhausted and the new definitive series not yet ready for issue, a limited number of high value fiscal stamps was similarly overprinted with the addition of a large numeral of value to enable the service to be maintained. They comprise 3 kr. orange-brown, 5 kr. dark brown, 10 kr. violet, 20 kr. green and brown and 30 kr. green. The set is already quoted at £4, and promises to be as difficult to come by as the three highest denominations of the previous series.

Picturesque Moorish Air Stamps

One of the most picturesque series of air mail stamps that has ever been issued made its appearance recently in Morocco. Although primarily intended for a charity-cumpostage issue and sold for double face value in aid of a local relief fund, the presence of a winged device at the top of the frame design, coupled with the inscription "Postes Avion," converts them into a regular air post issue, for which purpose they are alone available. The set consists of ten values, the subjects of the various vignettes being indicated in parentheses: 5 c. blue (Arab fantasia), 25 c. red (native ploughing with camel and ass), 20 c. carmine (caravan passing Roman ruins at Saffi), 75 c. brown (view of Marrakesh), 80 c. dark olive (sheep grazing at Azrou), 1 fr. orange (view of Fez), 1.50 fr. greenish blue (aerial panorama of Tangier), 2 fr. brown (aerial view of Casablanca), 3 fr. violet storks on the old wall at Rabat), 5 fr. sepia (fête in honour of the new Sultan of Morocco). The issue was limited to of the new Sultan of Morocco). 300,000 sets.

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THE Avia Aircraft Manufacturing Co., of Praha, are to construct two types of Fokker aircraft—namely, the Fokker F.VII type fitted with one Bristol "Jupiter" engine, and the Fokker F.VII 3m type fitted with three Wright "Whirlwind "engines. Both types of engines are also constructed under licence in Czechoslovakia. Walter, Ltd., of Praha, build the "Jupiters," and the "Whirlwinds" are built by a factory belonging to the Skoda group. Eleven countries are now constructing Fokker aircraft under licence, which is stated to be a record number of licences granted by an aircraft manufacturing company.

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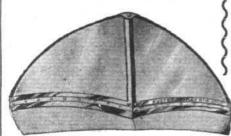


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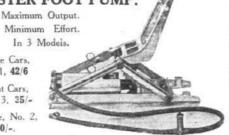
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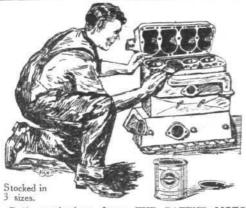
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